Missions of Love

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Secret cell phone
novelist vs. the most
popular boy in school.
A mission of love for
absolute servitude.

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Story

Yukina and Shigure's love missions began as research for a novel. But after the date mission, Yukina chose Akira as her boyfriend, and before she could work things out with Shigure, he went off on summer vacation. Now Yukina can't get Shigure out of her mind—she is confused by her own heart and unable to write her novel. To make matters worse, she hears that Akira and Mami have started dating?! In her pain, Yukina goes with Hisame to Shigure's summer retreat.

Characters

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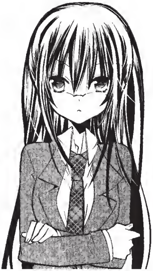
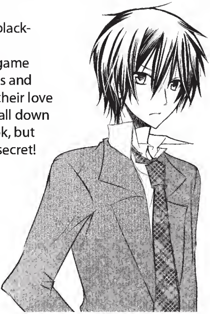
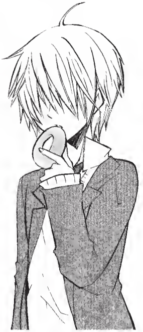


Shigure Kitami
The ever-popular, yet black-hearted, student body president. He made a game of charming all the girls and making them confess their love to him, then writing it all down in his student notebook, but Yukina discovered his secret!



Yukina Himuro
A third-year junior high student who strikes terror in the hearts of all around her with her piercing gaze, feared as the "Absolute Zero Snow Woman." Only Akira knows that she is also the popular cell phone novelist Yupina.



Akira Shimotsuki
Yukina's cousin and fellow student. He loves to eat. He is always nearby watching over her, but he wants Yukina to see him as a man, so he changes his look!

me!

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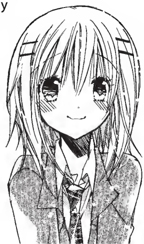
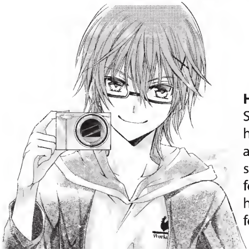
Mami Mizuno
A childhood friend of Shigure's. A sickly girl. The teachers love her, and she's very popular with the boys. She's a beautiful young girl who always wears a smile, but deep down, her heart is black. She recently outgrew her long-held crush on Shigure.





Hisame Kitami
Shigure's brother, one year his junior. He normally attends a boarding school, but is now home for summer vacation. He harbors a twisted affection for Mami.

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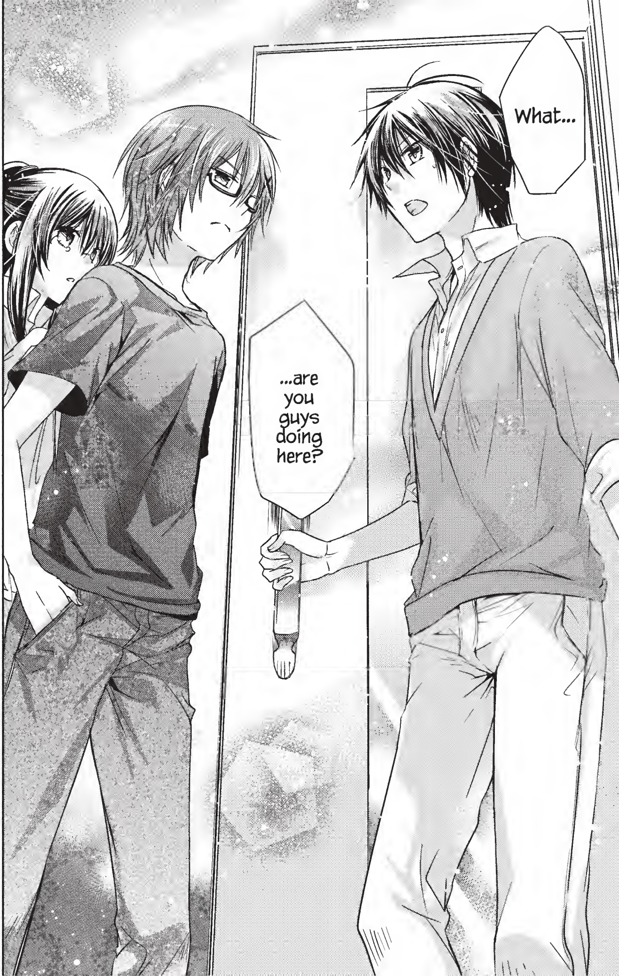
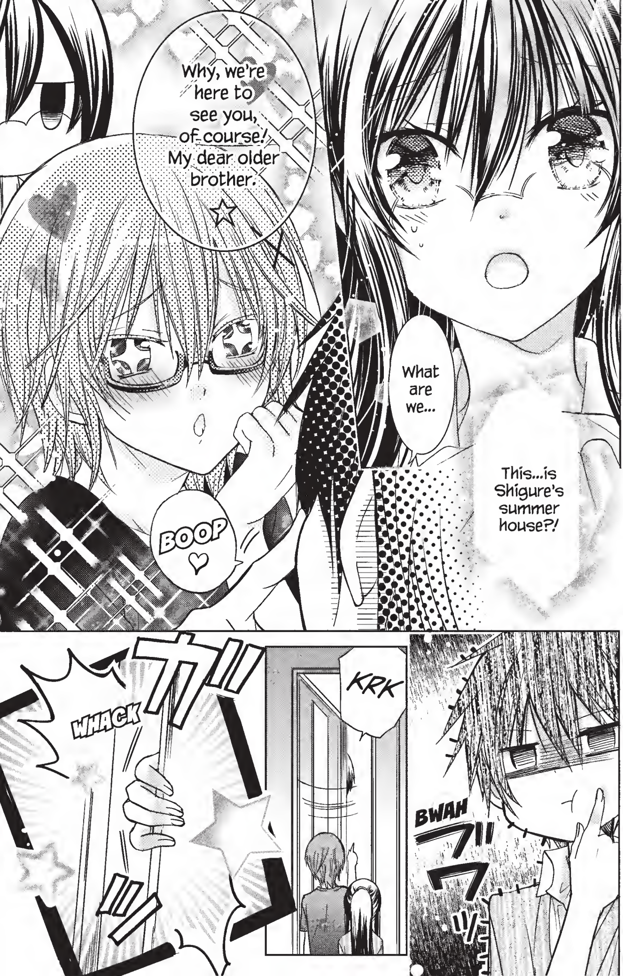
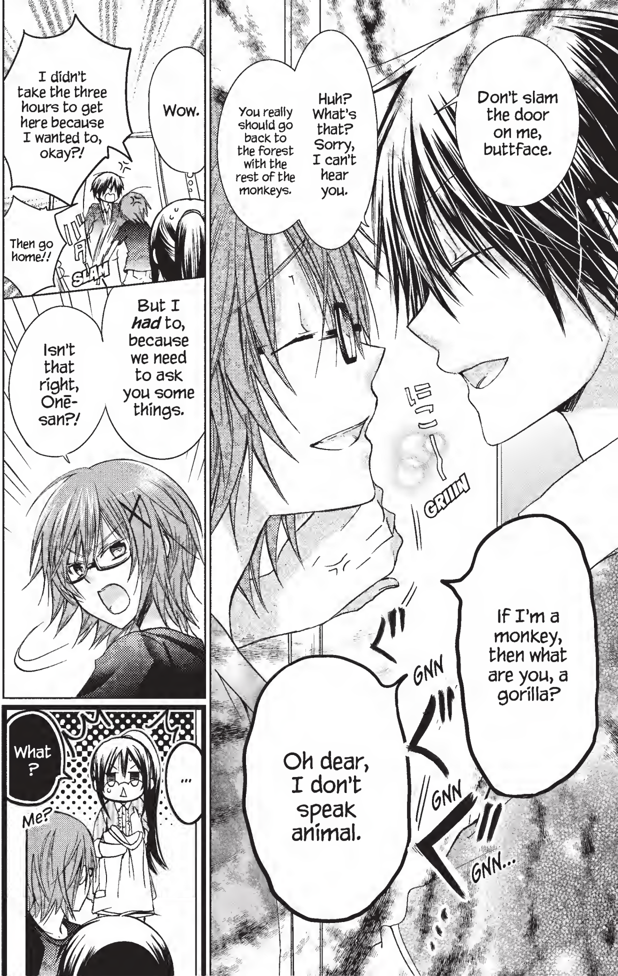
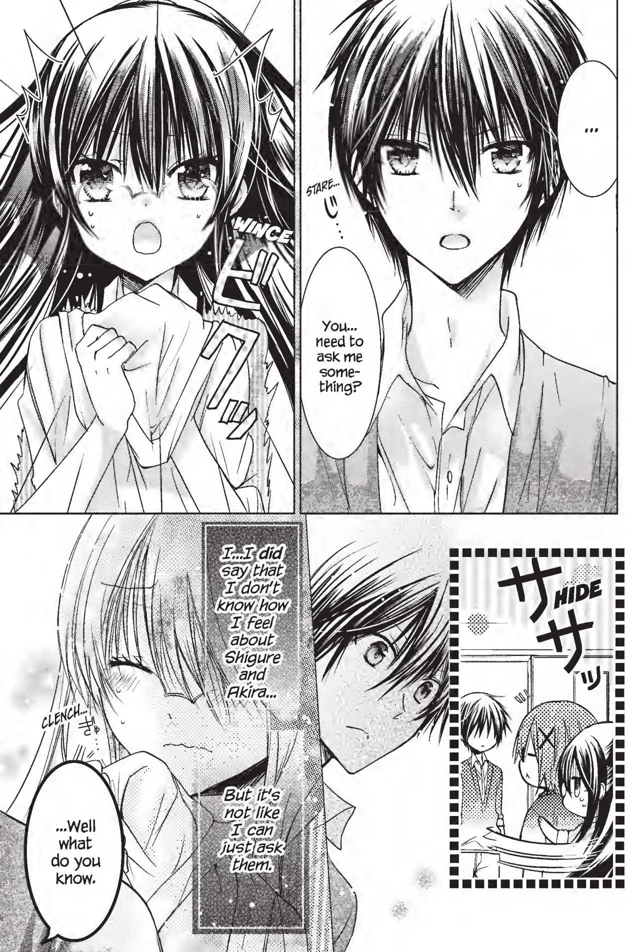
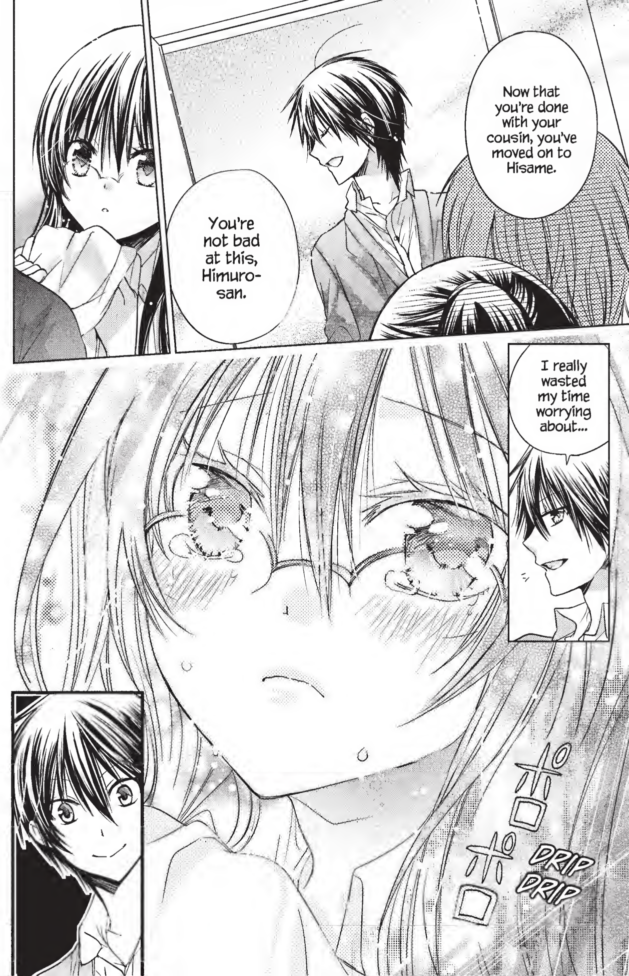
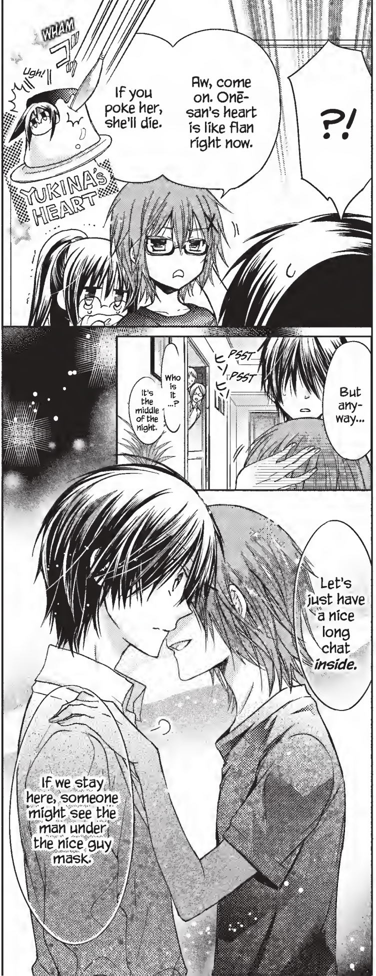

What...
...are you guys doing here?


What are we...
This...is Shigure's summer house?!
Why, we're here to see you, of course! My dear older brother. ☆
BOOP ♡
BWAH
KRK
WHACK

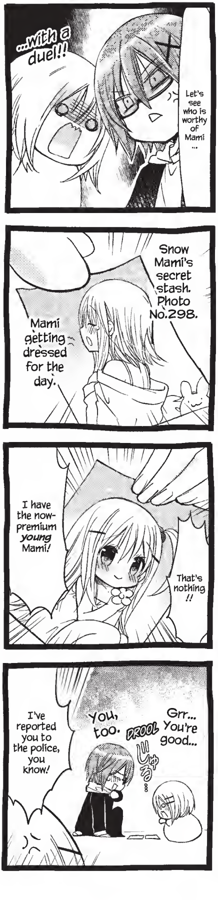

Don't slam the door on me, buttface.
Huh? What's that? Sorry, I can't hear you.
You really should go back to the forest with the rest of the monkeys.
GRIIIN
If I'm a monkey, then what are you, a gorilla?
Oh dear, I don't speak animal.
GNN
GNN
GNN...
Wow.
I didn't take the three hours to get here because I wanted to, okay?!
Then go home!!
SLAM
But I *had* to, because we need to ask you some things.
Isn't that right, Onē-san?!
...
What?
Me?

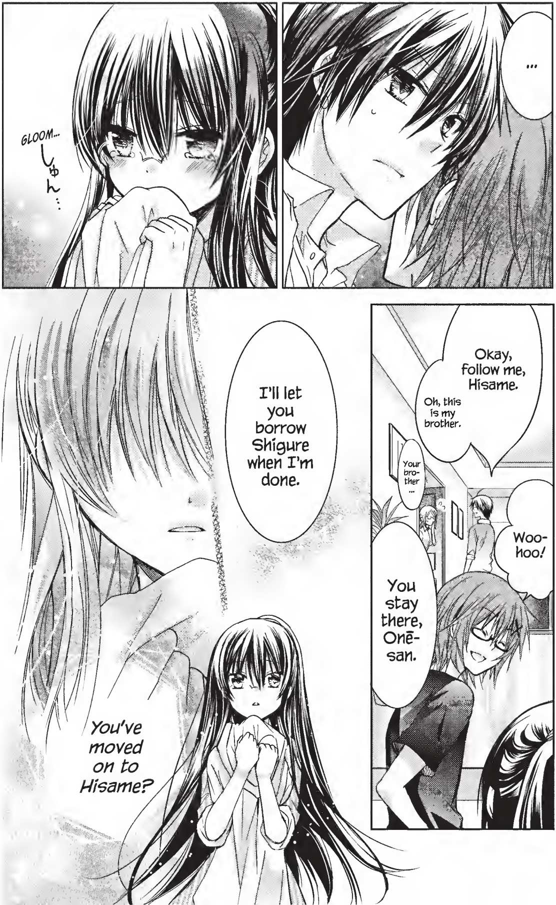

...
STARE... じ…
You... need to ask me something?
WINCE ビクッ
HIDE ササッ
I...I did say that I don't know how I feel about Shigure and Akira...
But it's not like I can just ask them.
CLENCH... ぎゅ…
...Well what do you know.

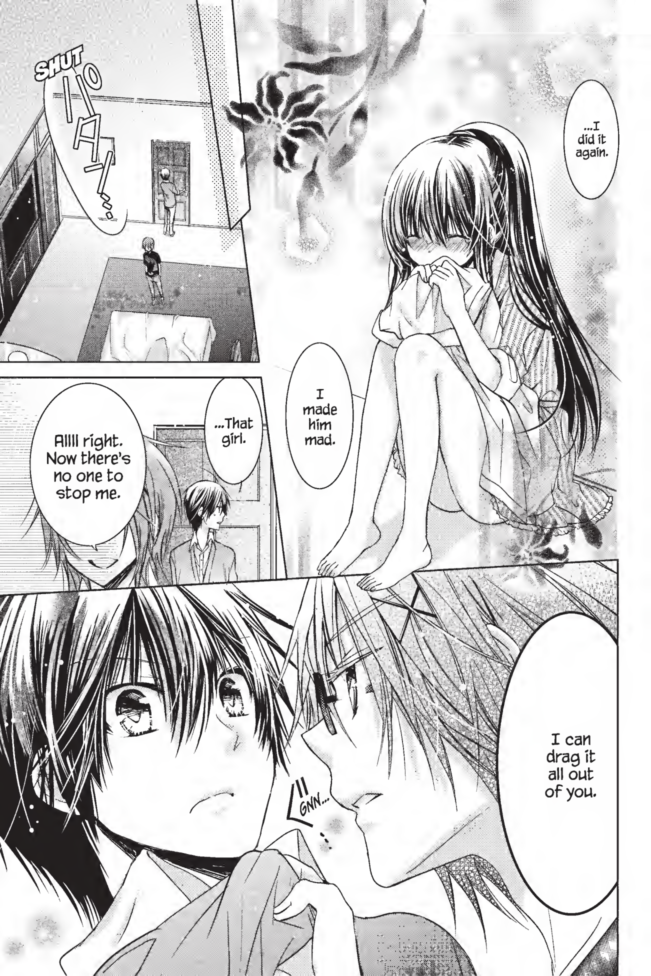

Now that you're done with your cousin, you've moved on to Hisame.
You're not bad at this, Himuro-san.
I really wasted my time worrying about...
ポロポロ
DRIP DRIP

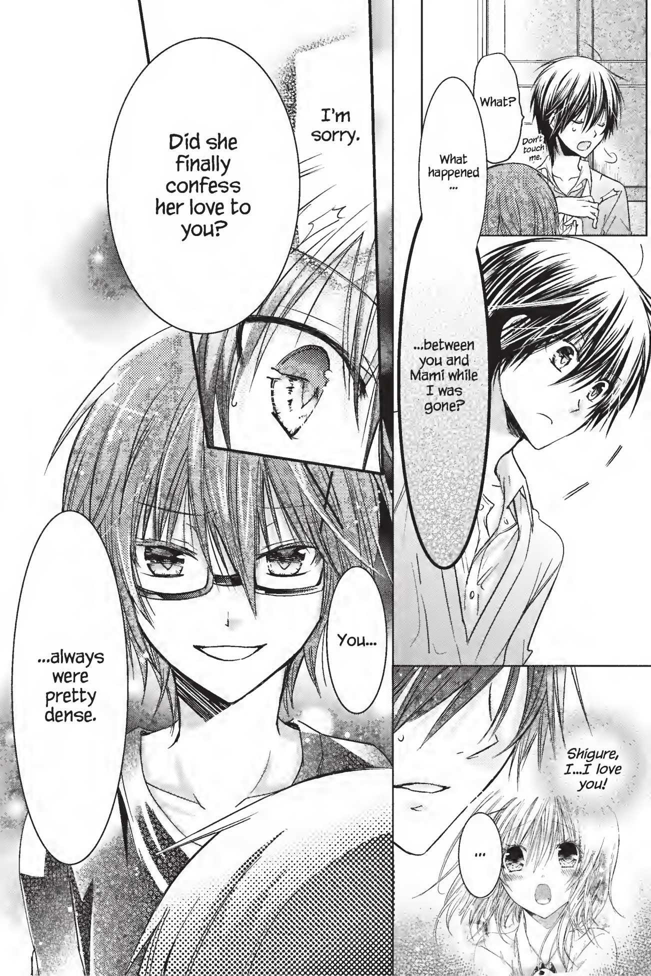

?!
Aw, come on. Onē-san's heart is like flan right now.
If you poke her, she'll die.
WHAM
ゴッ
Ugh!
YUKINA'S HEART
But anyway...
PSST
PSST
ヒソ
ヒソ
Who is it ...?
It's the middle of the night.
Let's just have a nice long chat *inside.*
If we stay here, someone might see the man under the nice guy mask.

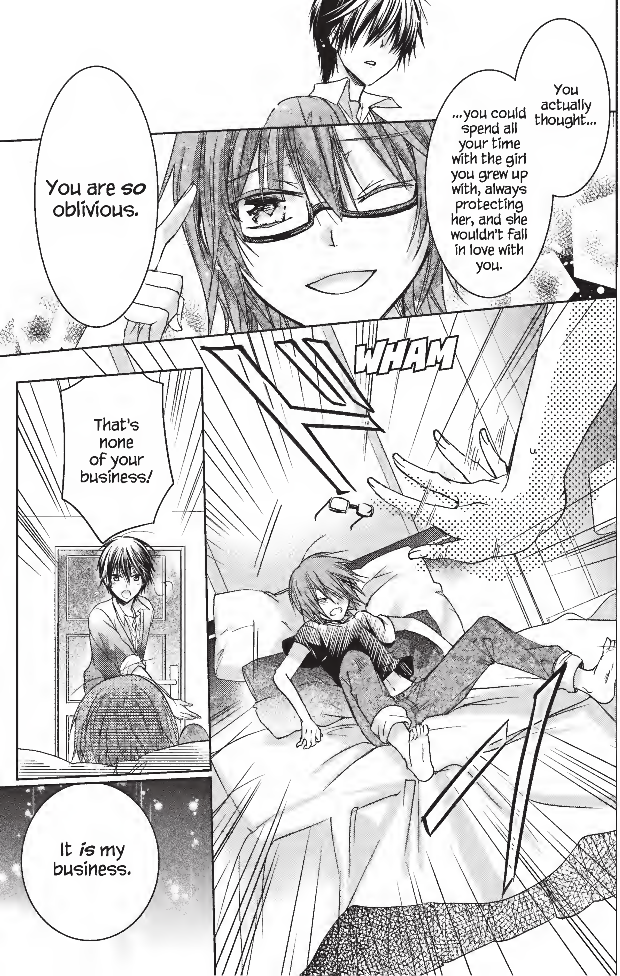
Mami's Melancholy Part 1

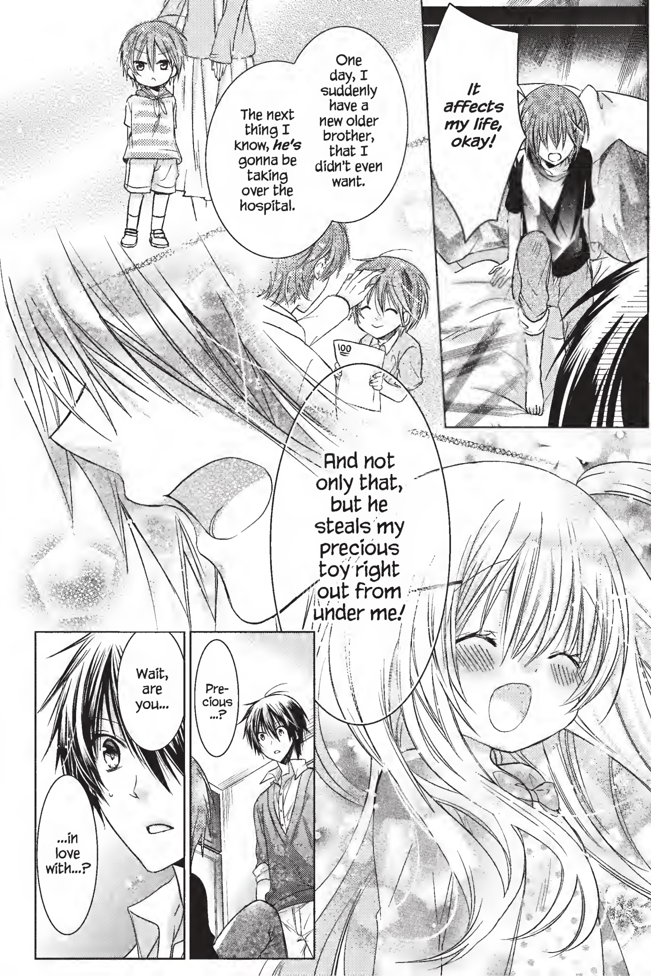

Let's see who is worthy of Mami ...
...with a duel!!
Snow Mami's secret stash. Photo No.298.
Mami getting dressed for the day.
I have the now-premium *young* Mami!
That's nothing!!
Grr... You're good...
You, too.
DROOL
じゅる...
I've reported you to the police, you know!


...
GLOOM...
しゅん...
Okay, follow me, Hisame.
Oh, this is my brother.
Your brother...
Woo-hoo!
You stay there, Onē-san.
I'll let you borrow Shigure when I'm done.
You've moved on to Hisame?


...I did it again.
I made him mad.
SHUT
パタン..
...That girl.
Allll right. Now there's no one to stop me.
I can drag it all out of you.
GNN...


What?
Don't touch me.
What happened...
...between you and Mami while I was gone?
Shigure, I...I love you!
...
I'm sorry.
Did she finally confess her love to you?
You...
...always were pretty dense.


You actually thought...
...you could spend all your time with the girl you grew up with, always protecting her, and she wouldn't fall in love with you.
You are *so* oblivious.
WHAM
That's none of your business!
It *is* my business.


It affects my life, okay!
One day, I suddenly have a new older brother, that I didn't even want.
The next thing I know, *he's* gonna be taking over the hospital.
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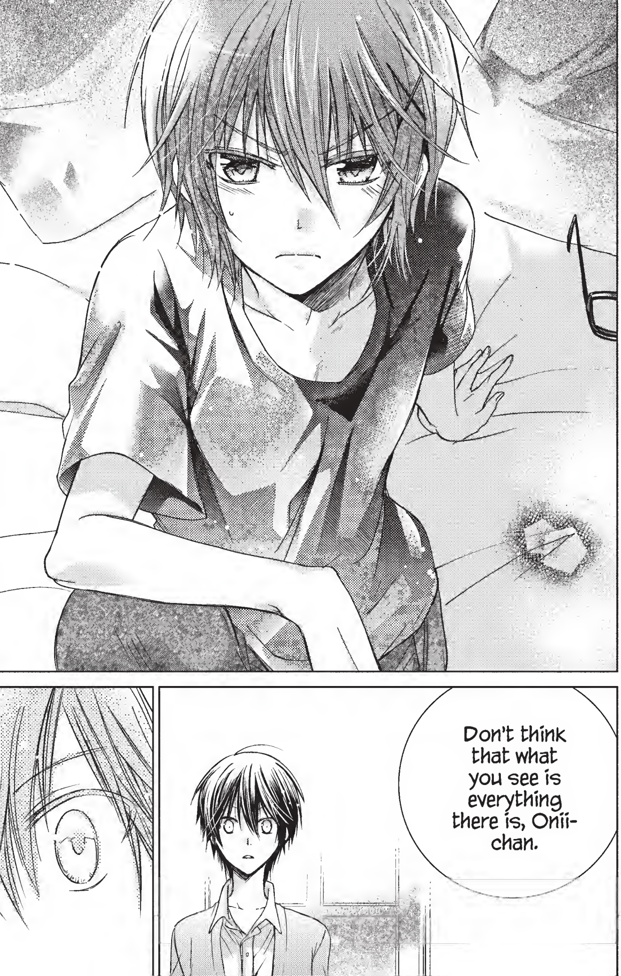
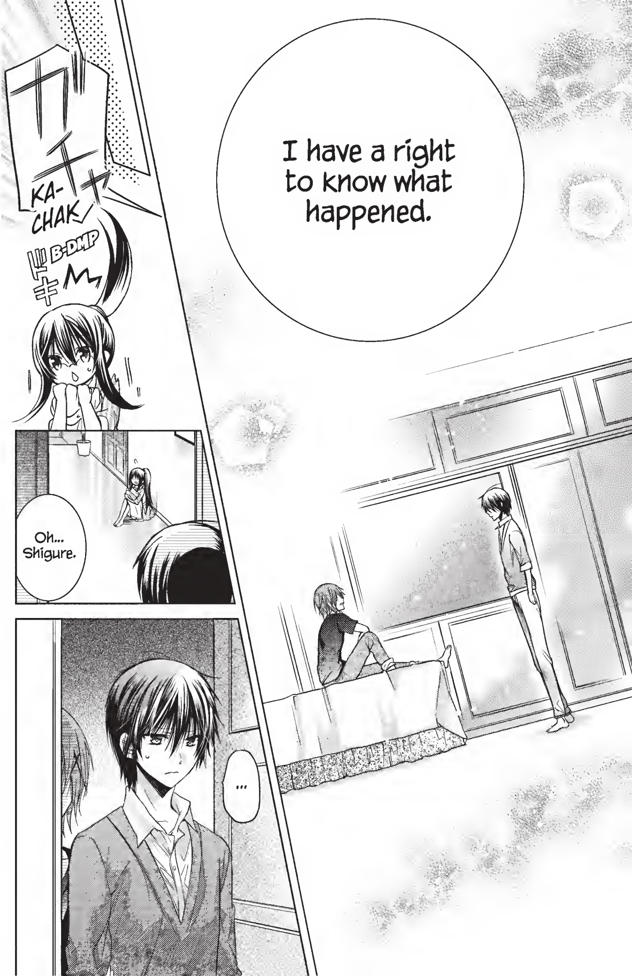
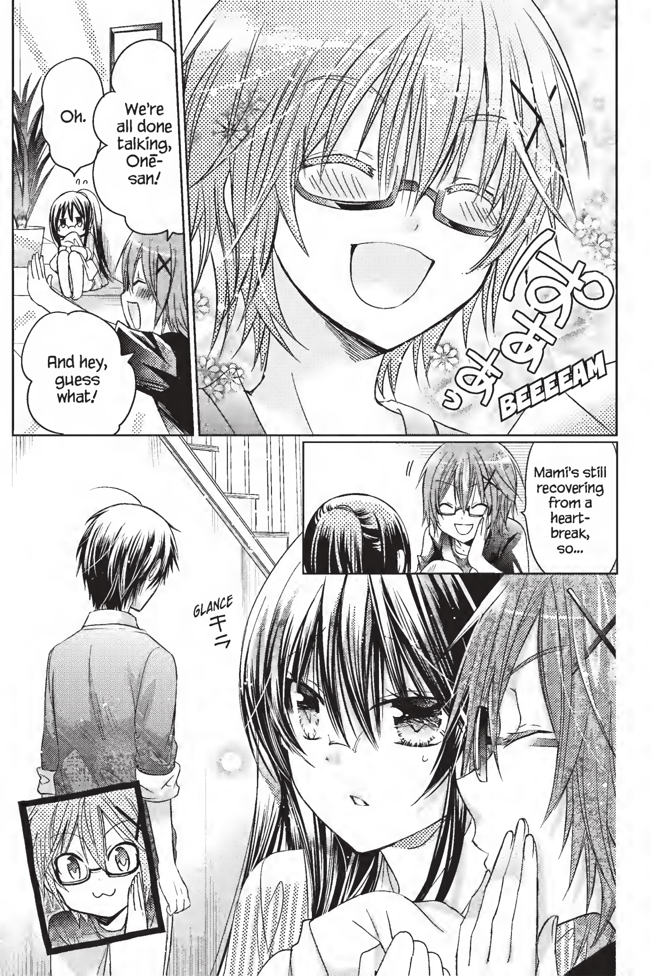
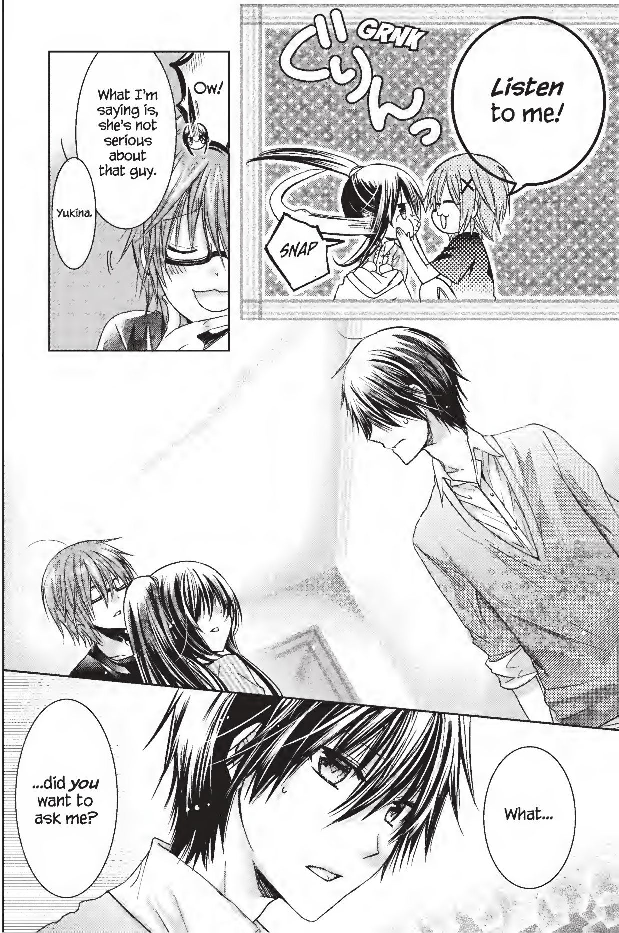
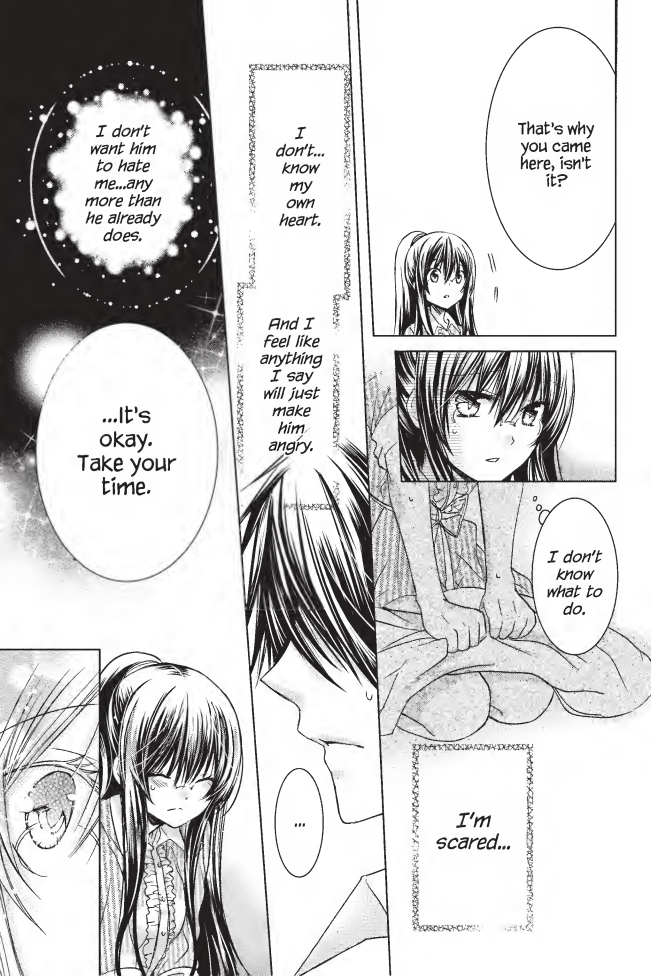
And not only that, but he steals my precious toy right out from under me!
Pre-cious...?
Wait, are you...
...in love with...?

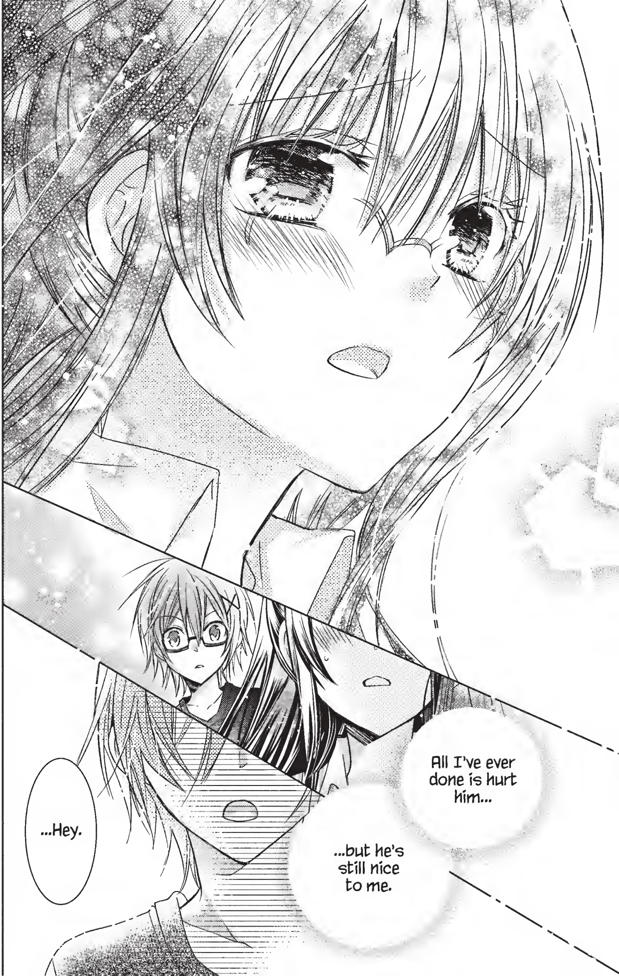

Don't think that what you see is everything there is, Onii-chan.

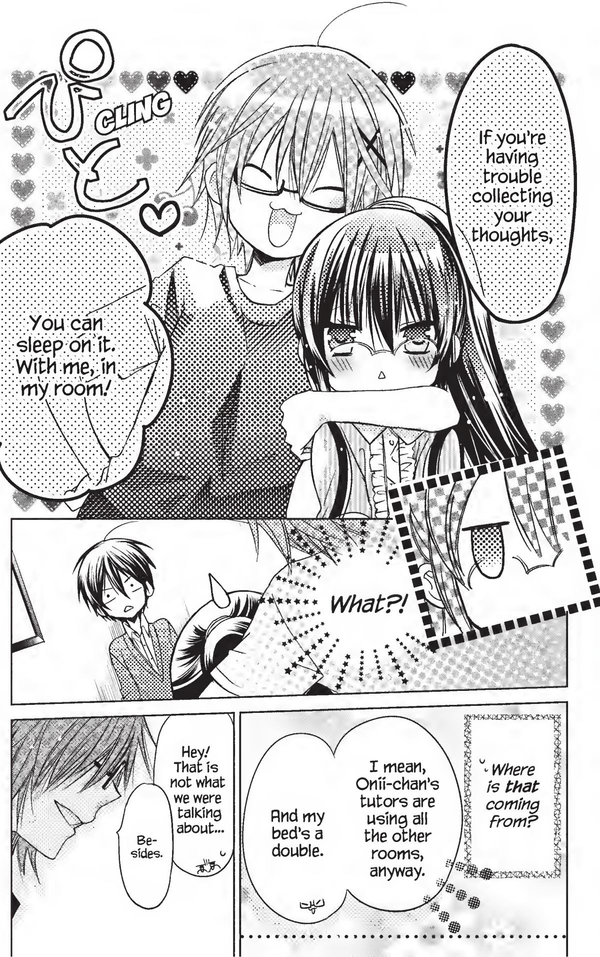

I have a right to know what happened.
ガチャ
KA-CHAK
ドキ
B-DMP
Oh... Shigure.
...

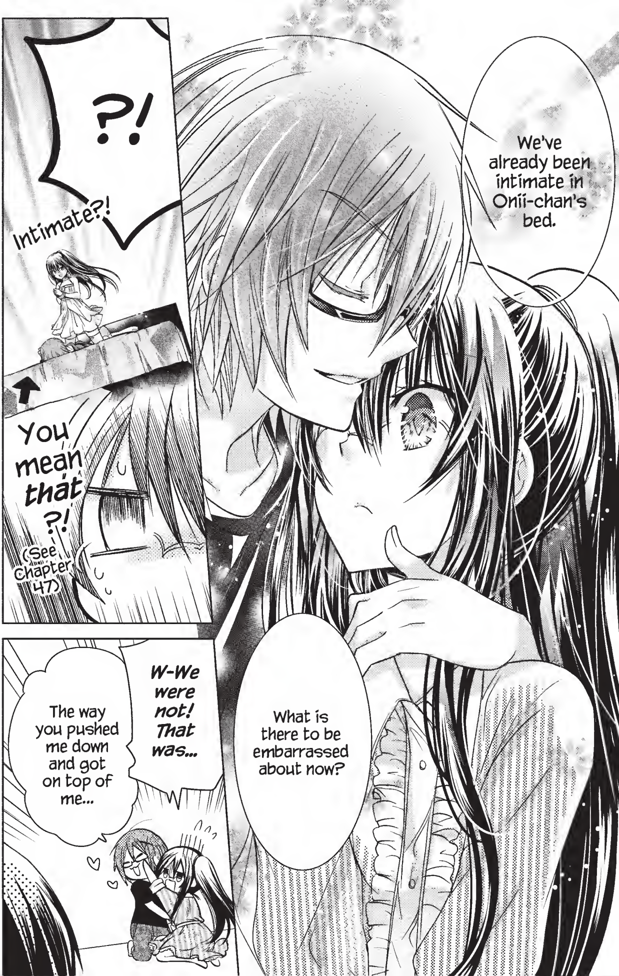

ぱぁぁっ
BEEEEAM
We're all done talking, One-san!
Oh.
And hey, guess what!
Mami's still recovering from a heart-break, so...
GLANCE
チラ

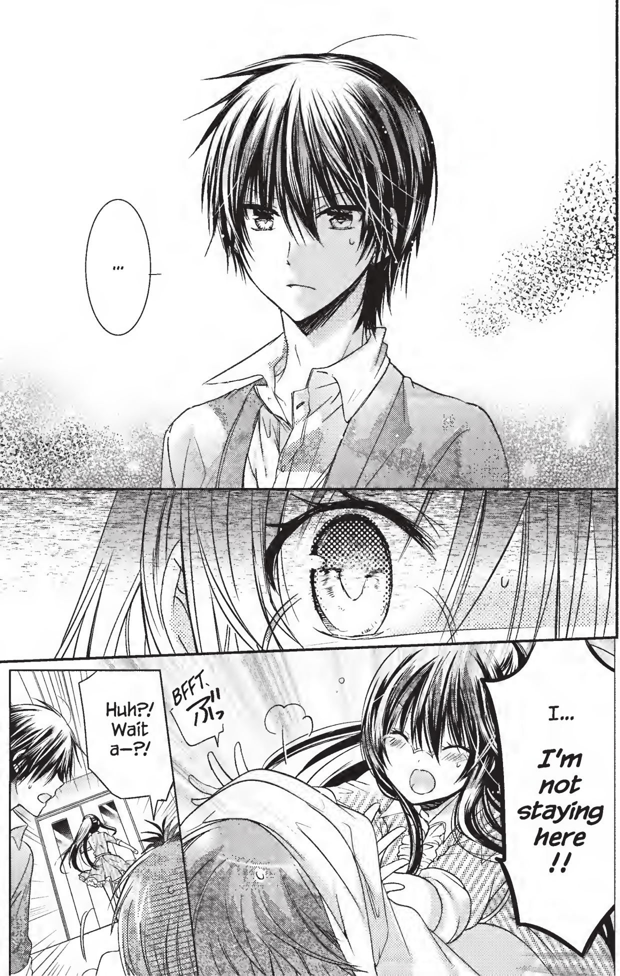
GRNK
ぐりんっ
Listen to me!
SNAP
Ow!
What I'm saying is, she's not serious about that guy.
Yukina.
What...
...did *you* want to ask me?

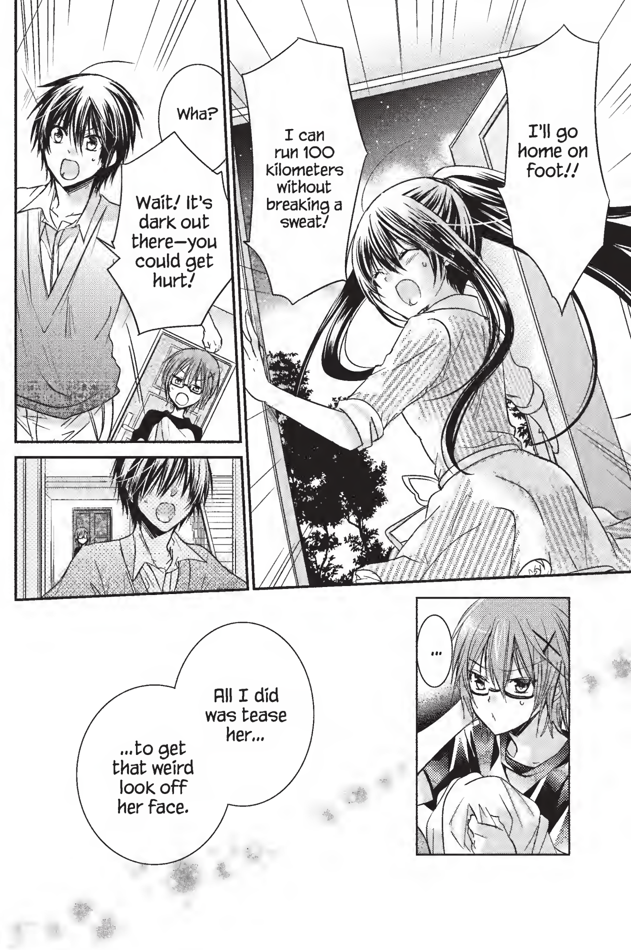

That's why you came here, isn't it?
I don't know what to do.
I'm scared...
I don't... know my own heart.
And I feel like anything I say will just make him angry.
I don't want him to hate me...any more than he already does.
...It's okay. Take your time.
...

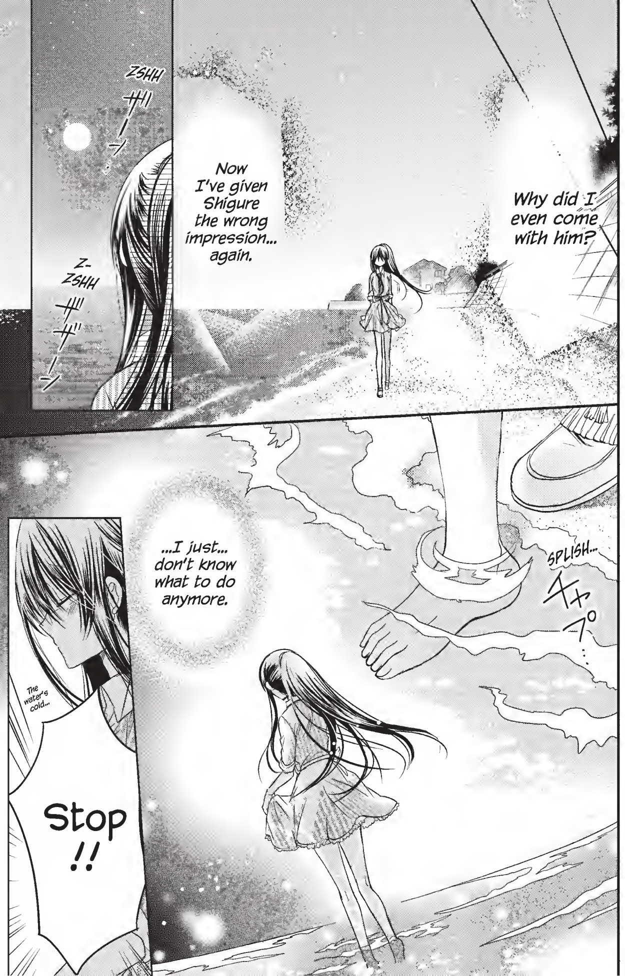

All I've ever done is hurt him...
...but he's still nice to me.
...Hey.

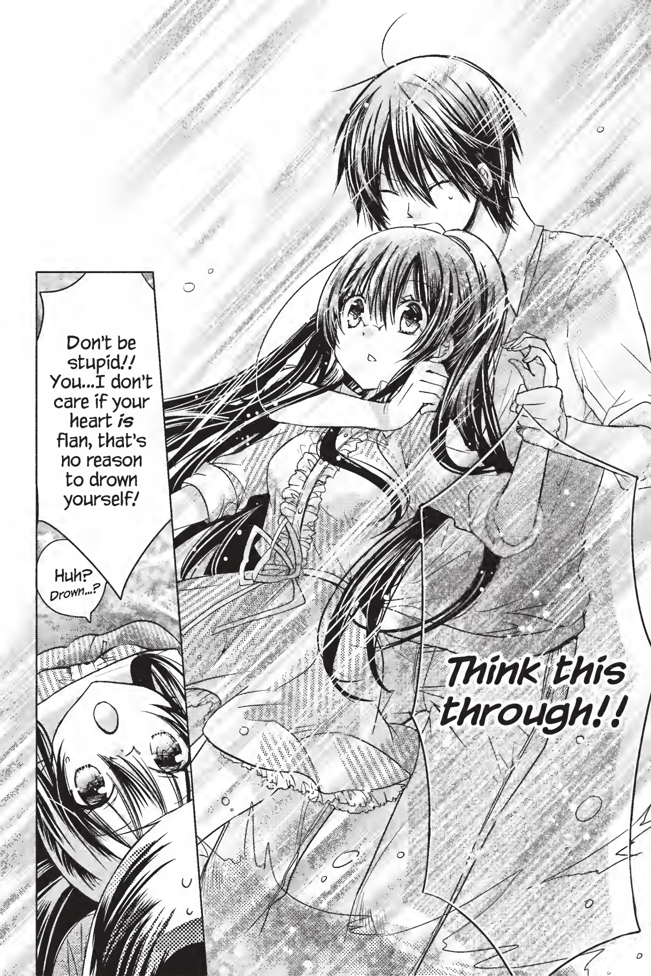

ぴと
CLING
If you're having trouble collecting your thoughts,
You can sleep on it. With me, in my room!
What?!
Where is *that* coming from?
I mean, Onii-chan's tutors are using all the other rooms, anyway.
And my bed's a double.
Hey! That is not what we were talking about...
Be-sides.

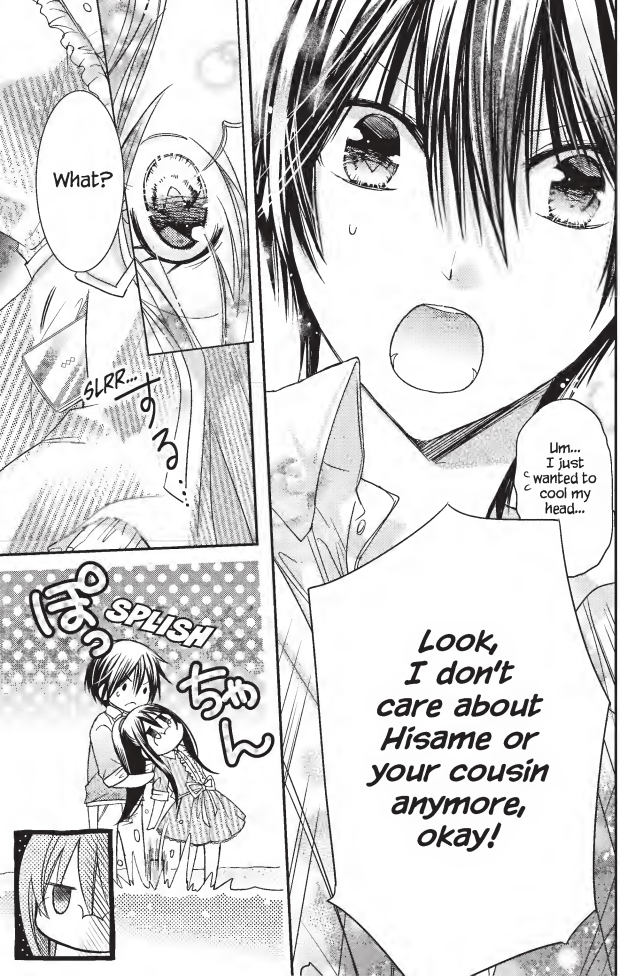

We've already been intimate in Onii-chan's bed.
?!
Intimate?!
You mean *that* ?!
(See Chapter 47)
What is there to be embarrassed about now?
W-We were not! That was...
The way you pushed me down and got on top of me...

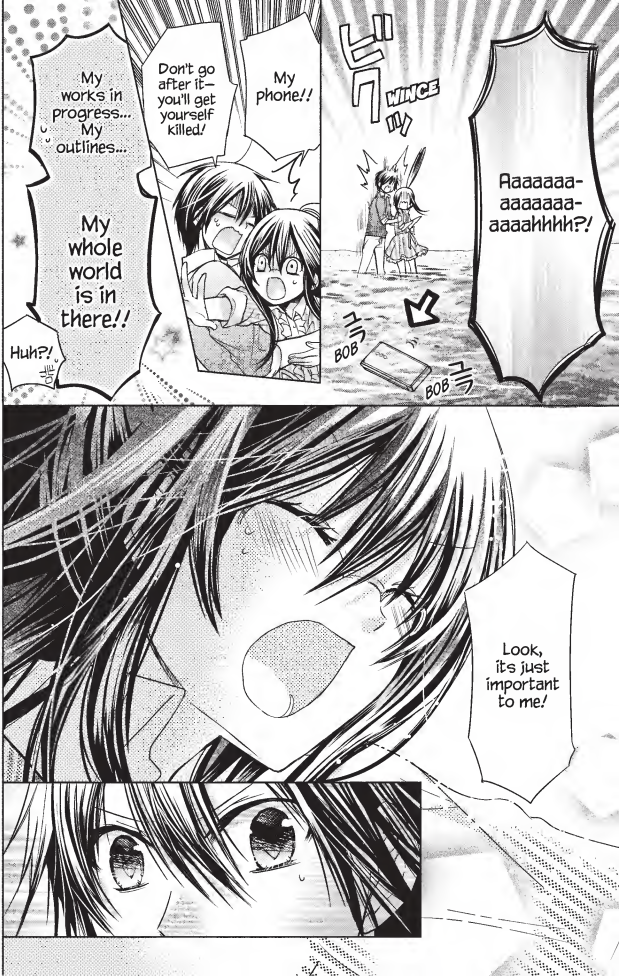

...
I...
I'm not staying here!!
BFFT ぶっ
Huh?! Wait a—?!

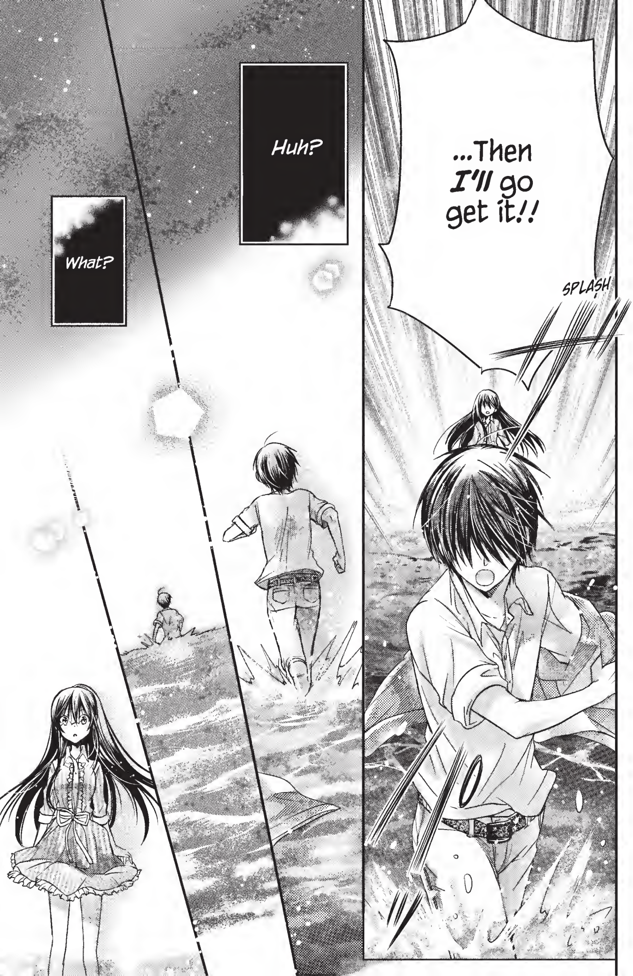

I'll go home on foot!!
I can run 100 kilometers without breaking a sweat!
Wha?
Wait! It's dark out there—you could get hurt!
...
All I did was tease her...
...to get that weird look off her face.

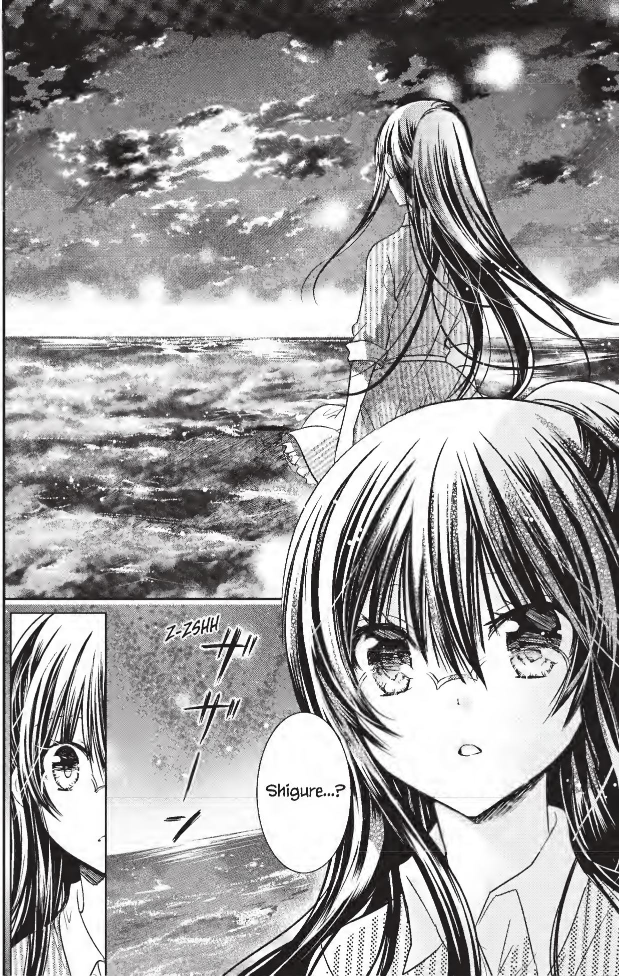

Why did I even come with him?
Now I've given Shigure the wrong impression... again.
ZSHH
ザーン
Z-ZSHH
ザザーン
SPLISH...
チャプ…
...I just... don't know what to do anymore.
The water's cold...
Stop!!

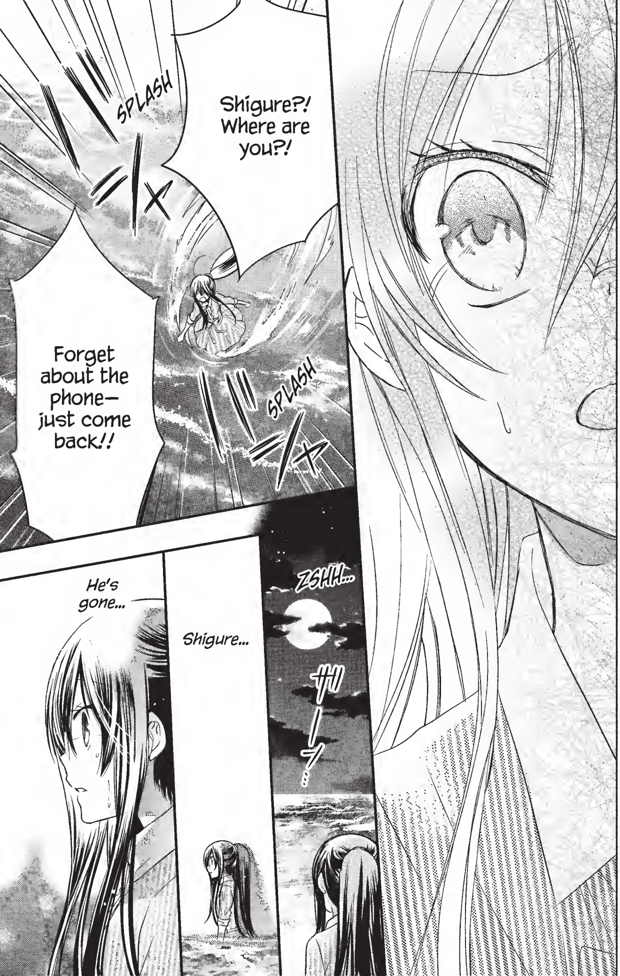

Think this through!!
Don't be stupid!! You...I don't care if your heart *is* flan, that's no reason to drown yourself!
Huh? Drown...?

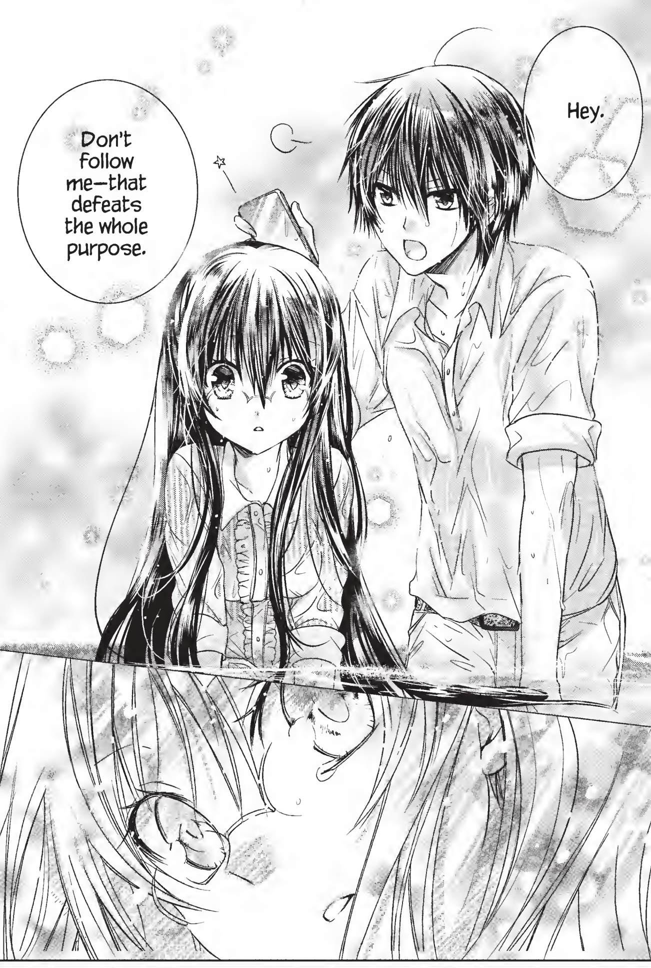

Um... I just wanted to cool my head...
Look, I don't care about Hisame or your cousin anymore, okay!
What?
SLRR...
する…
SPLISH
ぱっちゃん

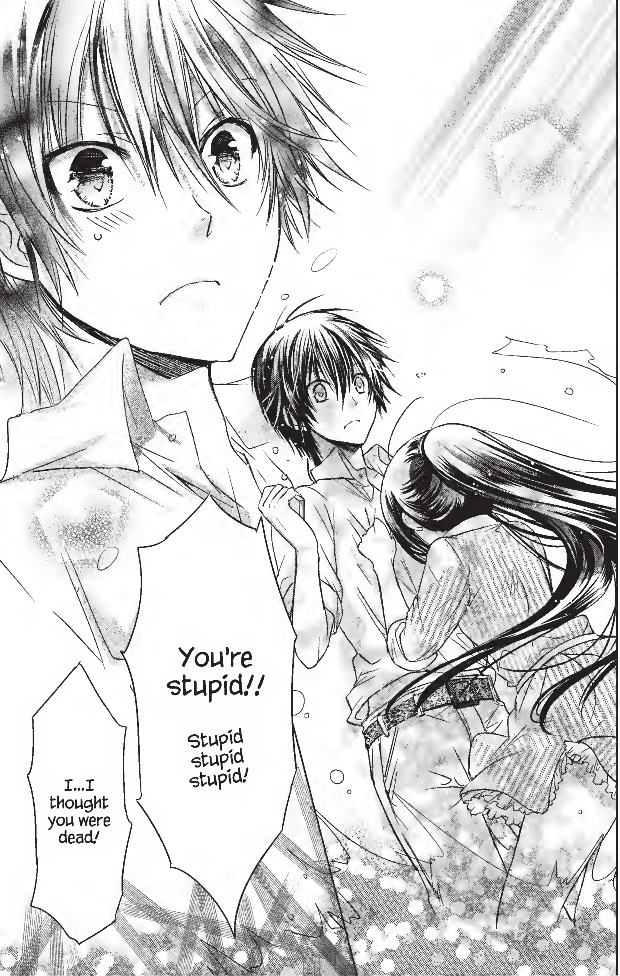

Aaaaaaa-aaaaaaa-aaaahhhh?!
ビク
WINCE
ユラ BOB
ユラ BOB
My phone!!
Don't go after it— you'll get yourself killed!
My works in progress... My outlines...
My whole world is in there!!
Huh?!
Look, its just important to me!

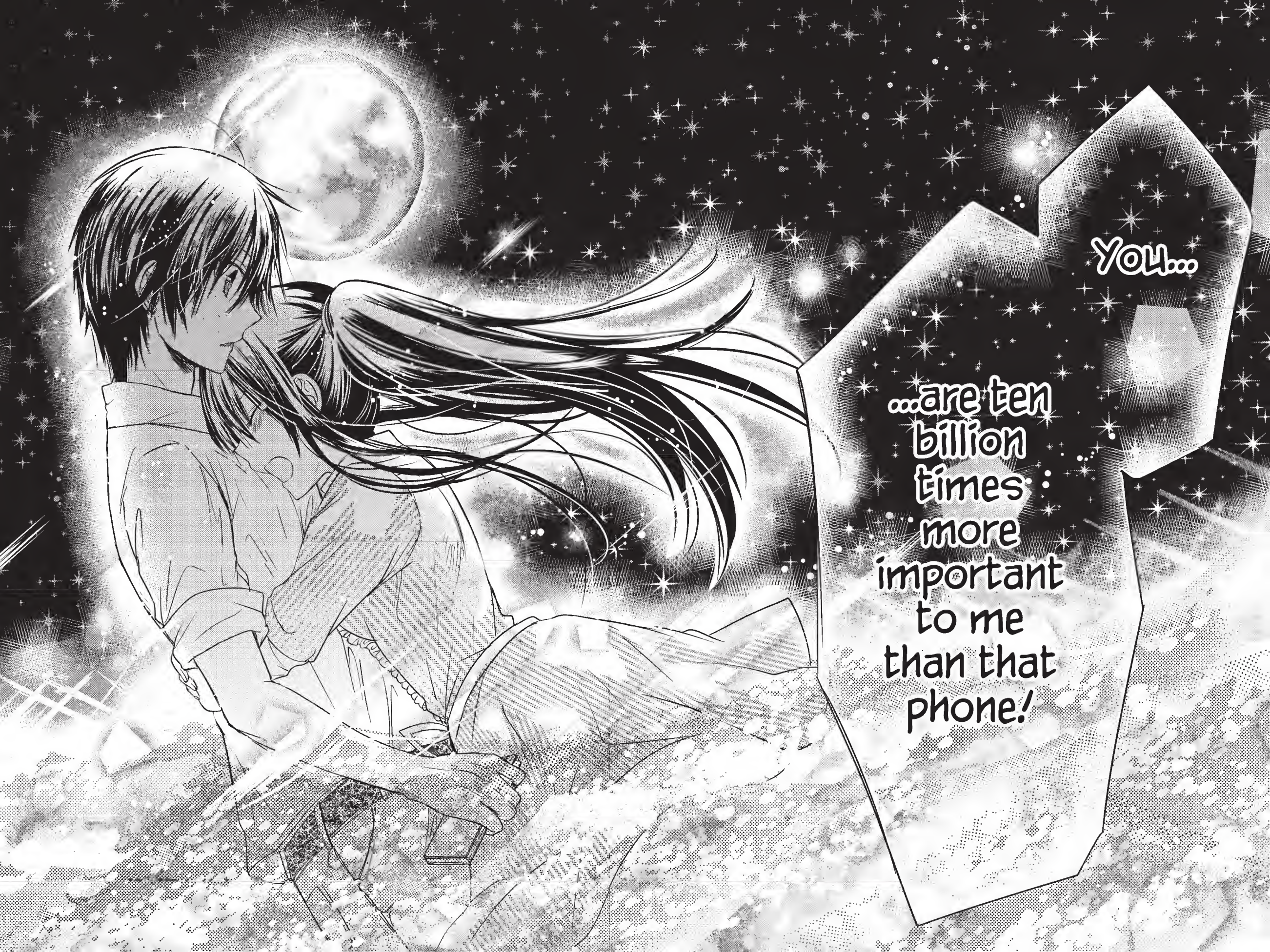

...Then *I'll* go get it!!
SPLASH
Huh?
What?

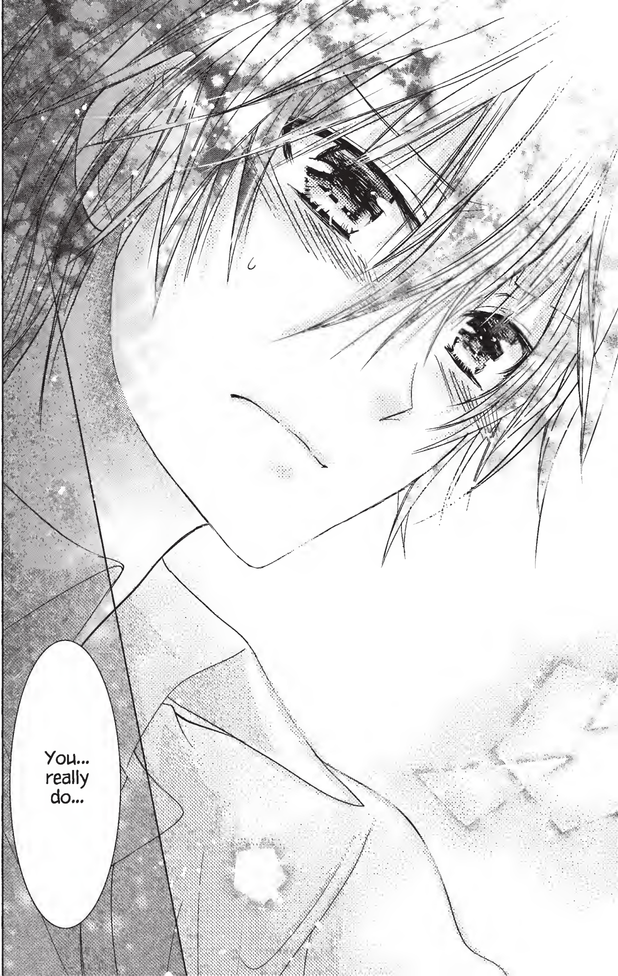

Shigure...?
Z-ZSHH
ザザーー

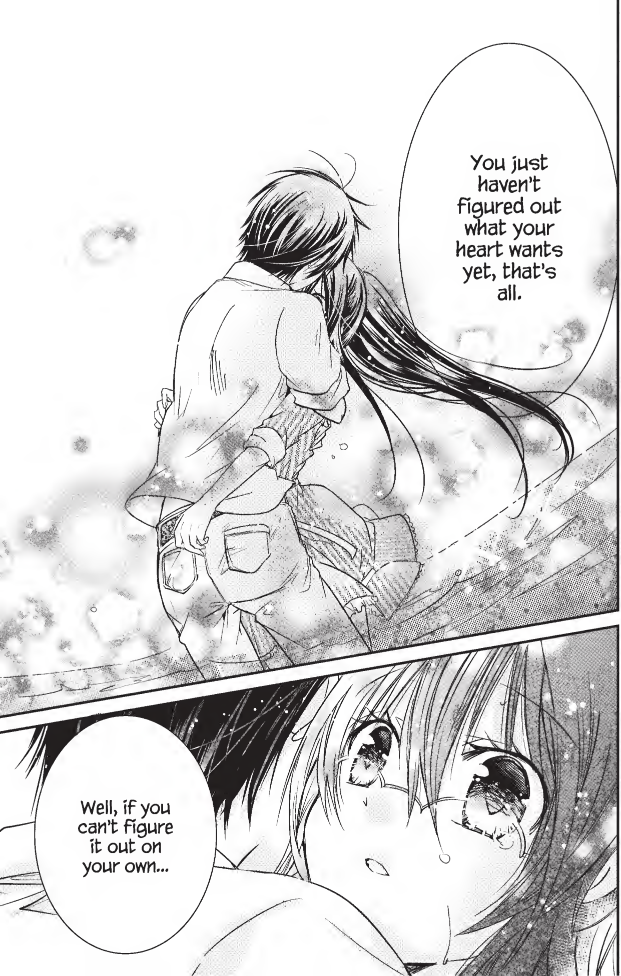

SPLASH
Shigure?! Where are you?!
Forget about the phone—just come back!!
SPLASH
ZSHH...
ザー
Shigure...
He's gone...

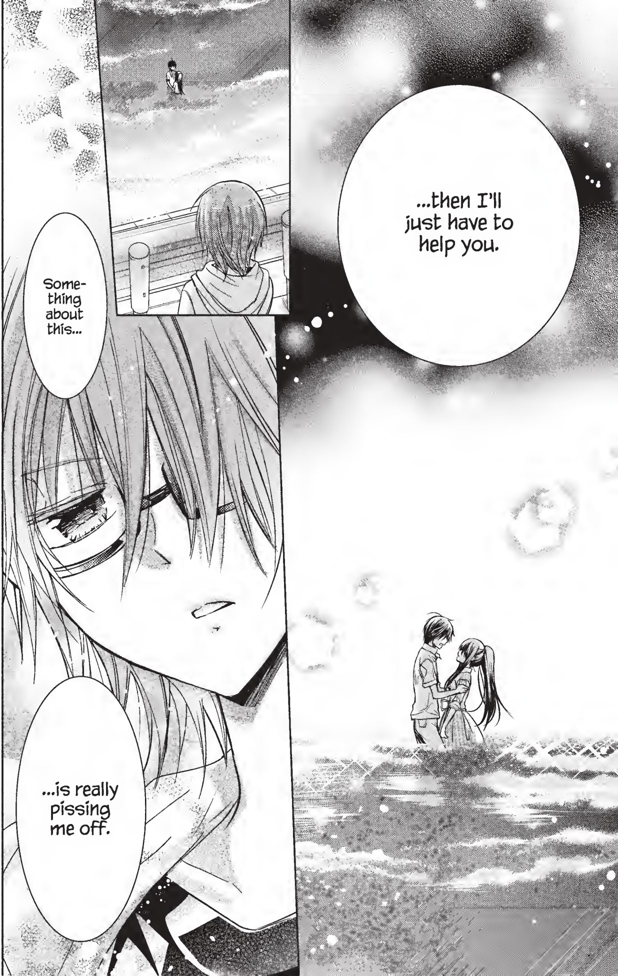

Hey.
Don't follow me—that defeats the whole purpose.


You're stupid!!
Stupid stupid stupid!
I...I thought you were dead!


You...
...are ten billion times more important to me than that phone!


You... really do...


You just haven't figured out what your heart wants yet, that's all.
Well, if you can't figure it out on your own...

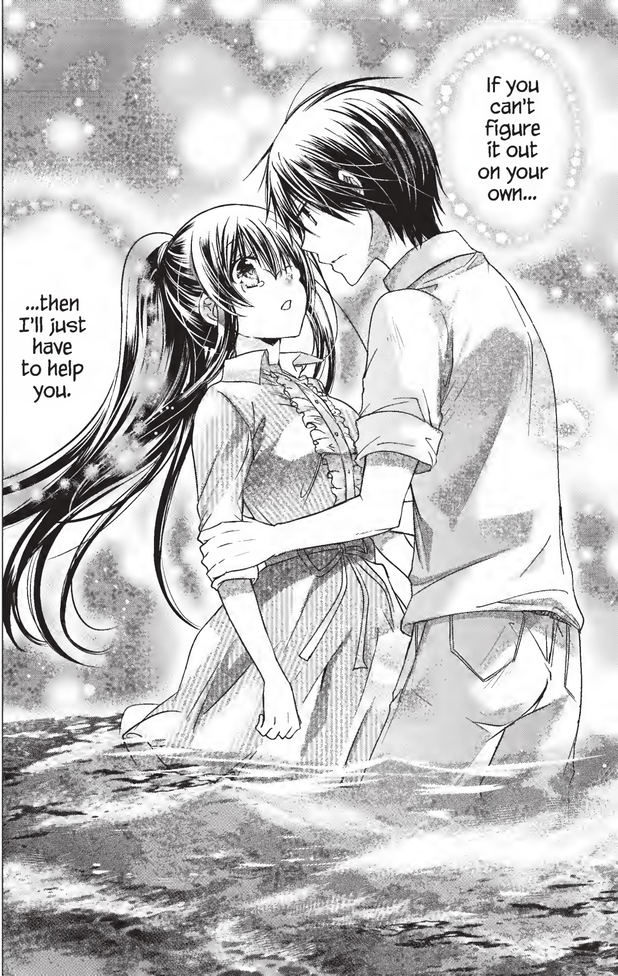

...then I'll just have to help you.
Something about this...
...is really pissing me off.

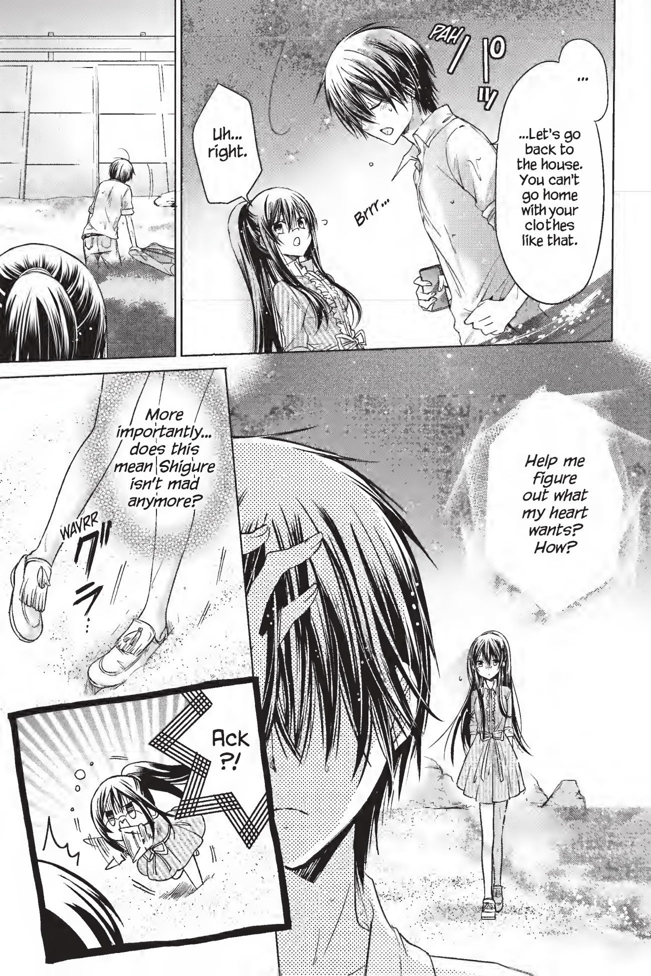
WANTED
$ 999999999

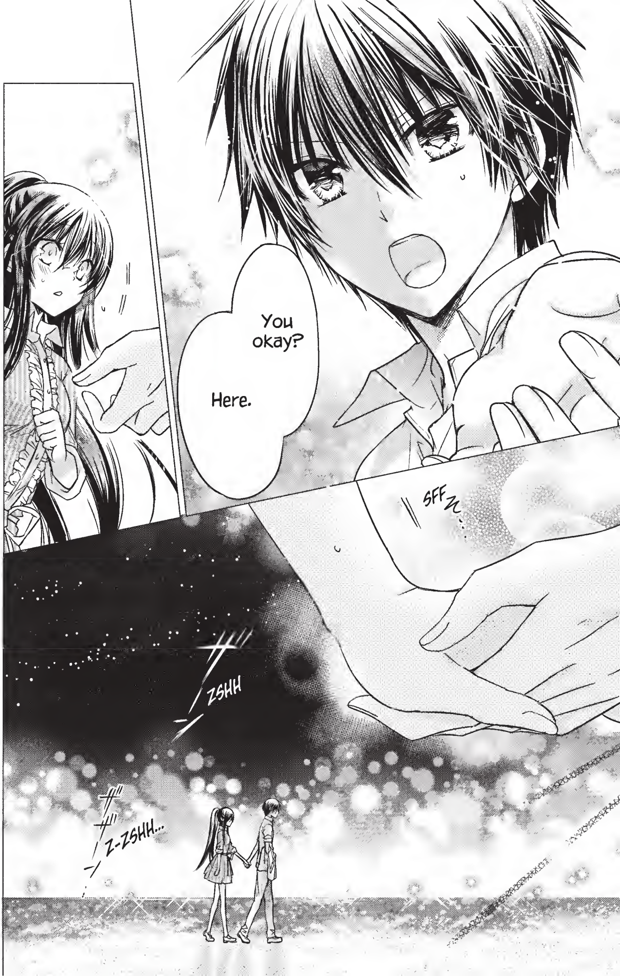
Mission 54

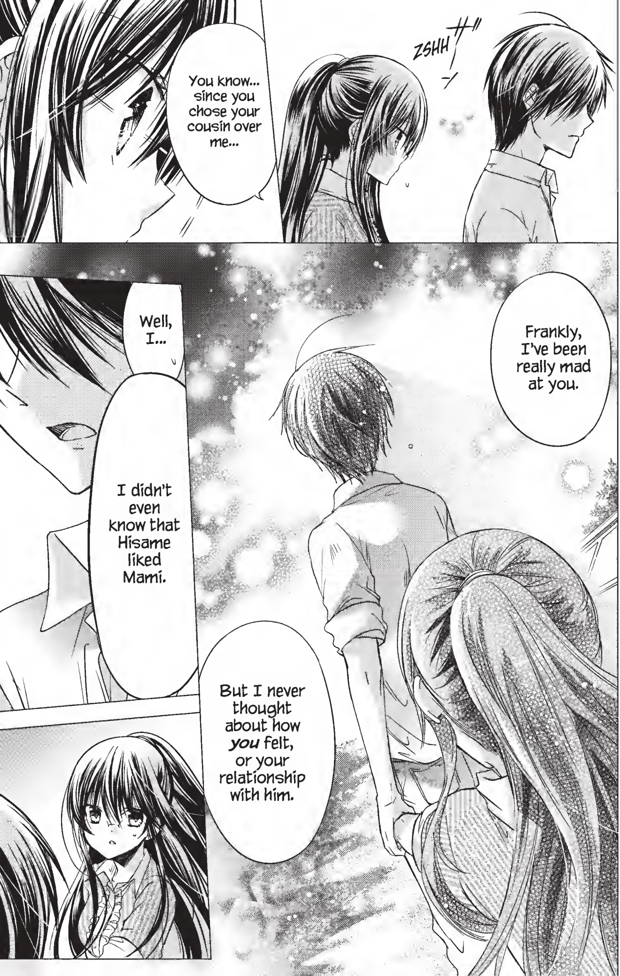
A Night Alone Together

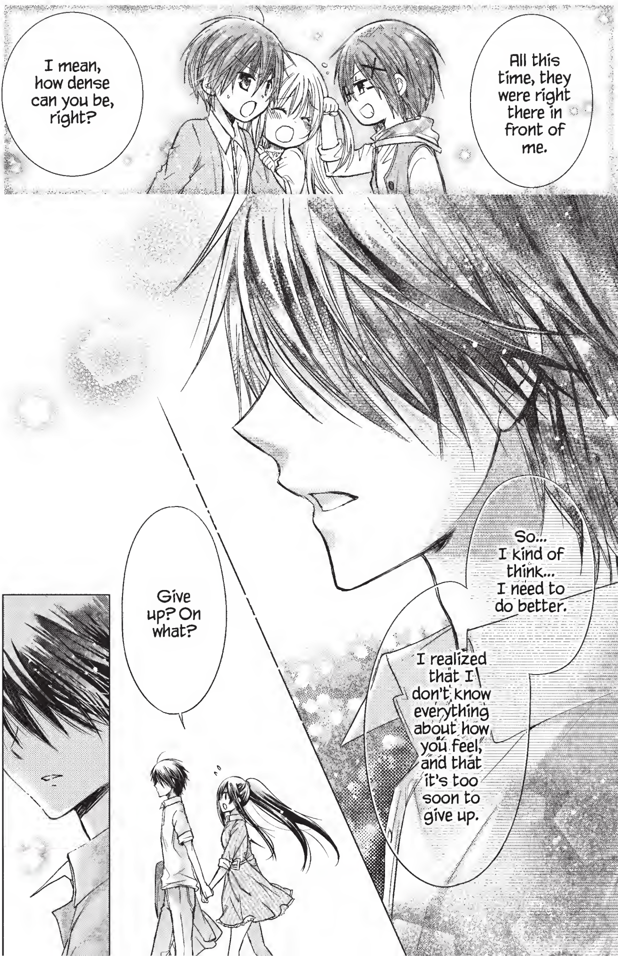
Missions of Love

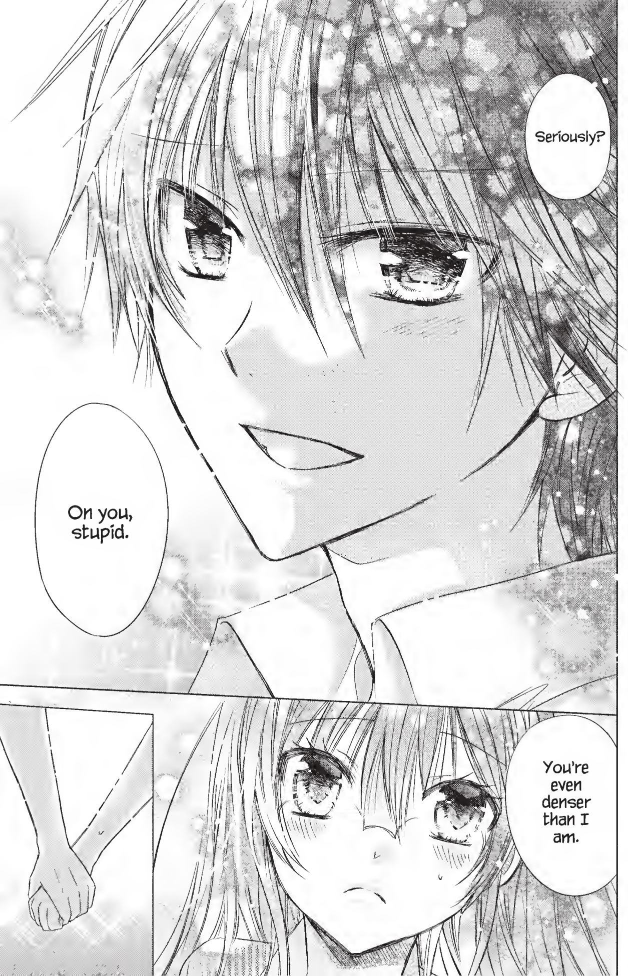

If you can't figure it out on your own...
...then I'll just have to help you.

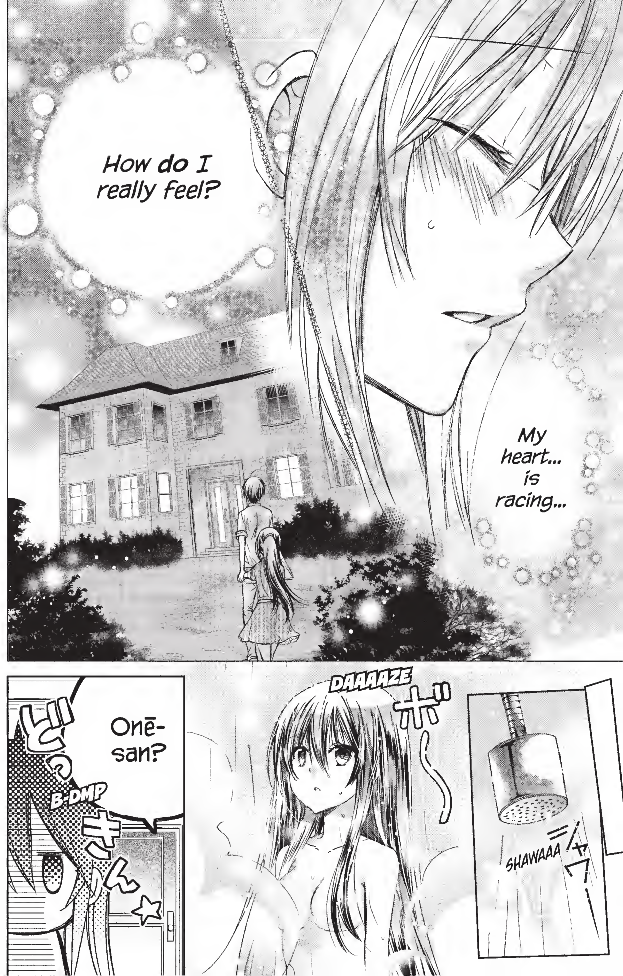

PAH
...
...Let's go back to the house. You can't go home with your clothes like that.
Brrr...
Uh... right.
Help me figure out what my heart wants? How?
More importantly... does this mean Shigure isn't mad anymore?
WAVRR
Ack?!


You okay?
Here.
SFF
ZSHH
Z-ZSHH...

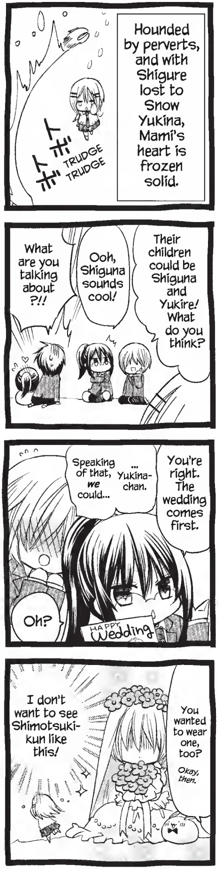

ZSHH
You know... since you chose your cousin over me...
Frankly, I've been really mad at you.
Well, I...
I didn't even know that Hisame liked Mami.
But I never thought about how *you* felt, or your relationship with him.

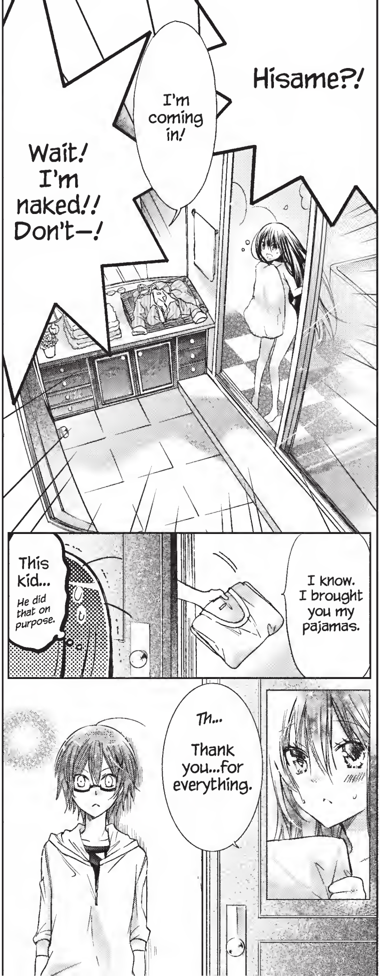

All this time, they were right there in front of me.
I mean, how dense can you be, right?
So... I kind of think... I need to do better.
I realized that I don't know everything about how you feel, and that it's too soon to give up.
Give up? On what?

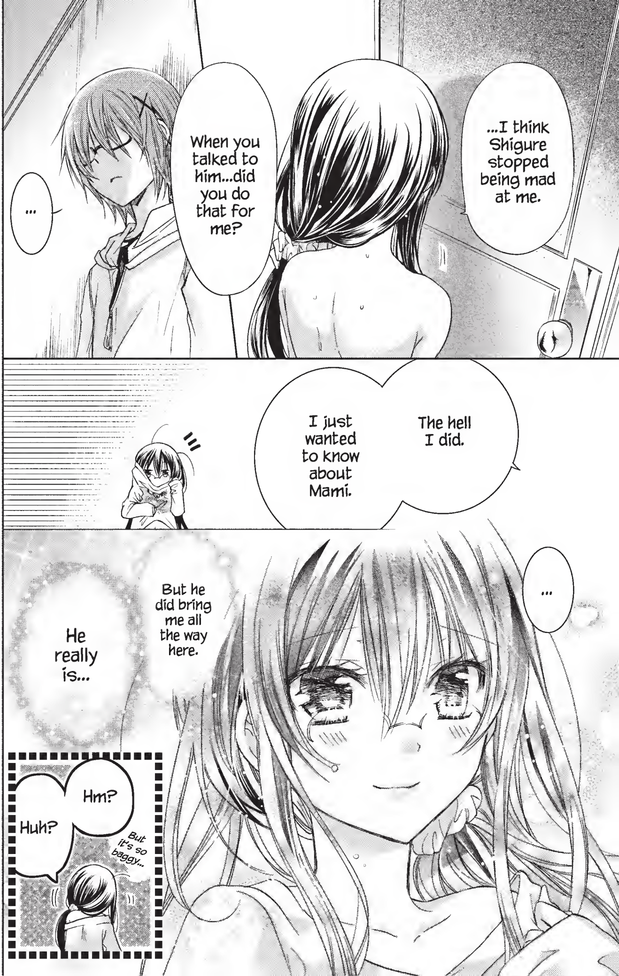

Seriously?
On you, stupid.
You're even denser than I am.

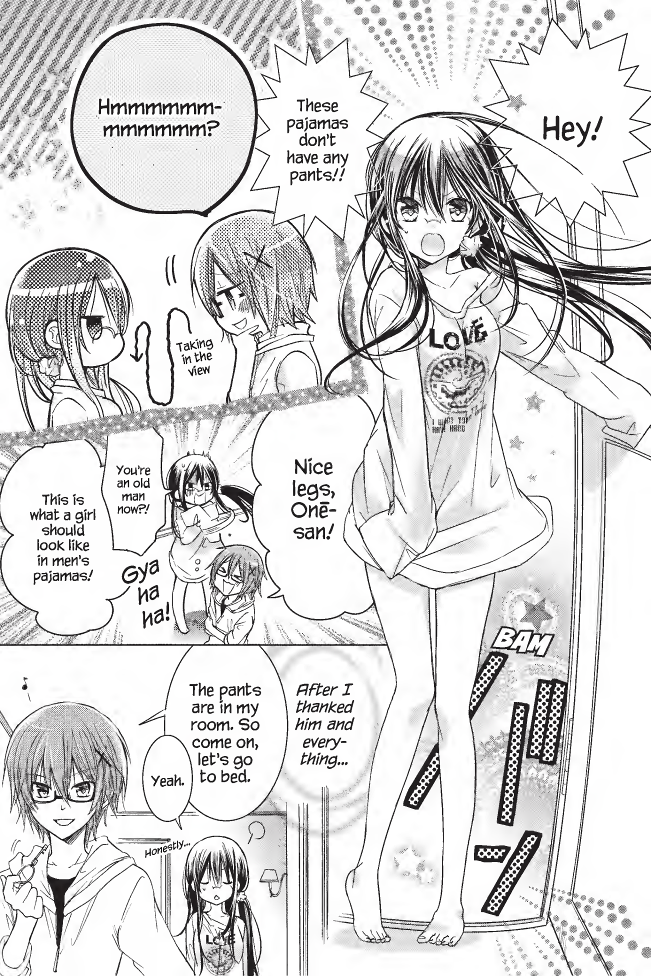

My heart... is racing...
How do I really feel?
シャワー
SHAWAAA
ボ〜
DAAAAZE
Onē-san?
どっきん☆
B-DMP

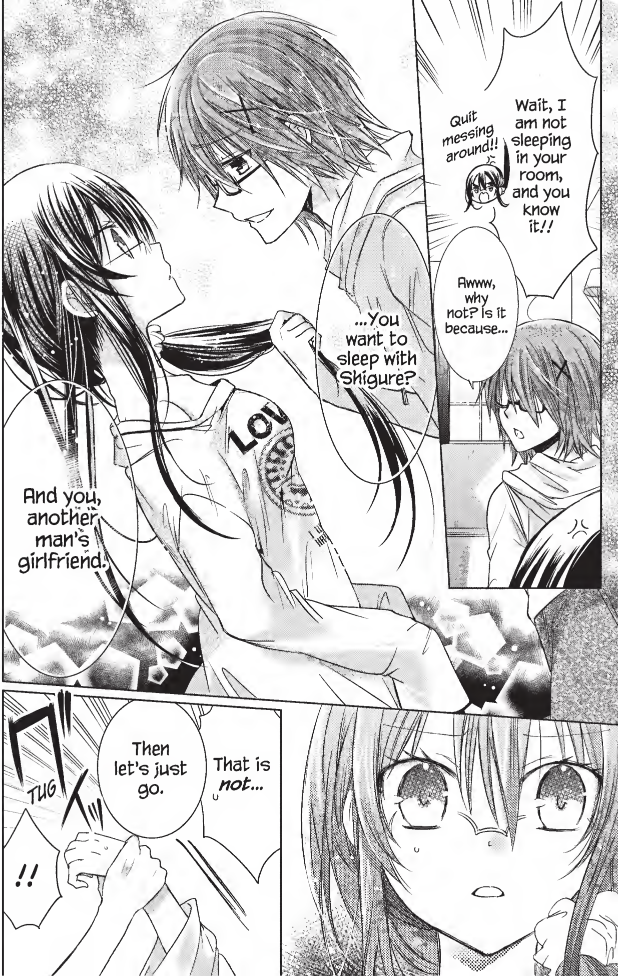
Mami's Melancholy Part 2

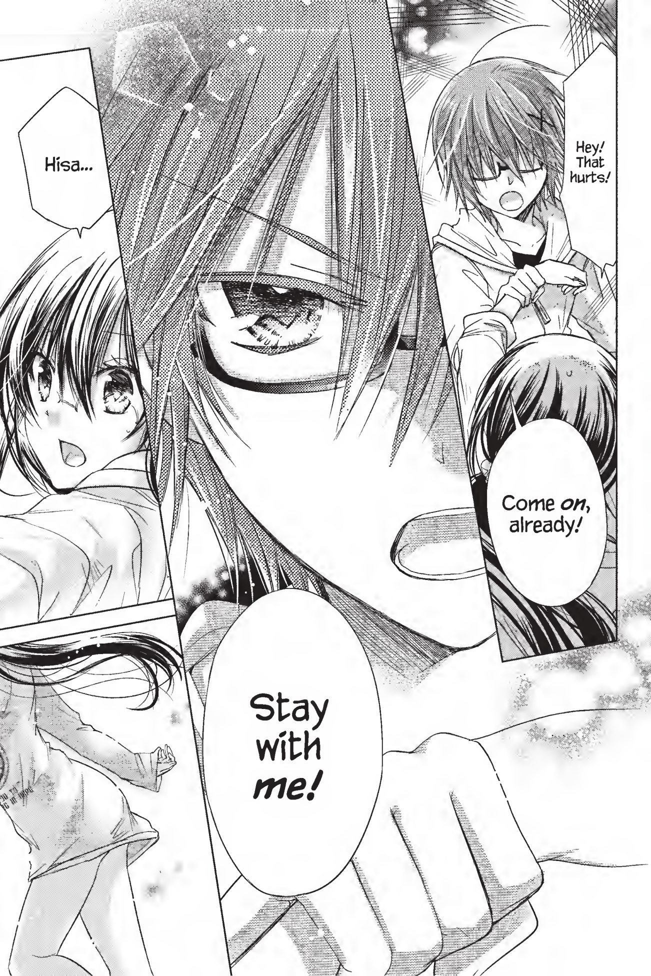

Hounded by perverts, and with Shigure lost to Snow Yukina, Mami's heart is frozen solid.
トボ トボ
TRUDGE TRUDGE
Their children could be Shiguna and Yukire! What do you think?
Ooh, Shiguna sounds cool!
What are you talking about?!!
You're right. The wedding comes first.
... Yukina-chan.
Speaking of that, we could...
Oh?
HAPPY Wedding
You wanted to wear one, too?
Okay, then.
I don't want to see Shimotsuki-kun like this!

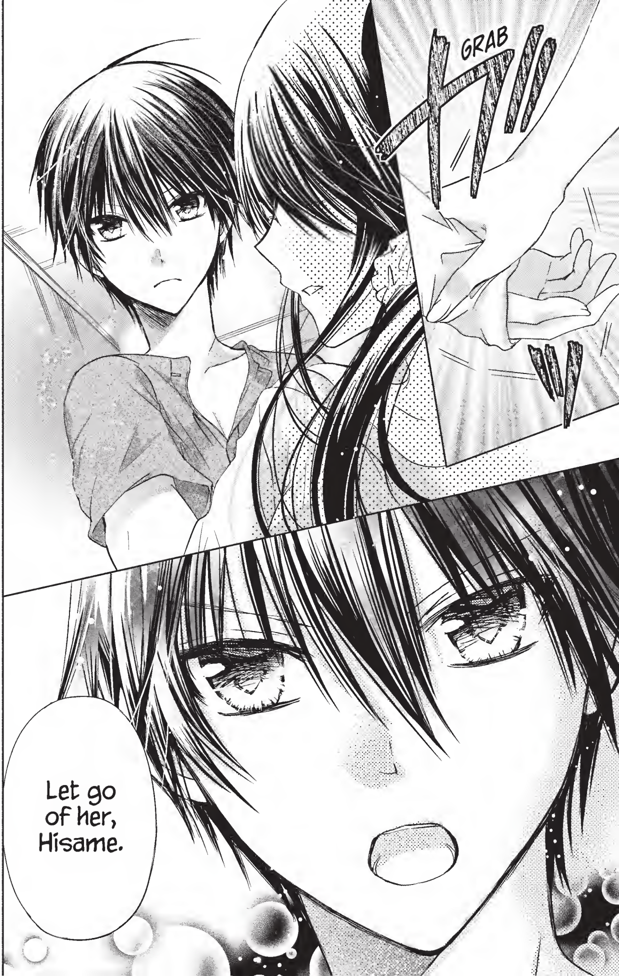

Hisame?!
I'm coming in!
Wait! I'm naked!! Don't—!
I know. I brought you my pajamas.
This kid...
He did that on purpose.
Th...
Thank you...for everything.

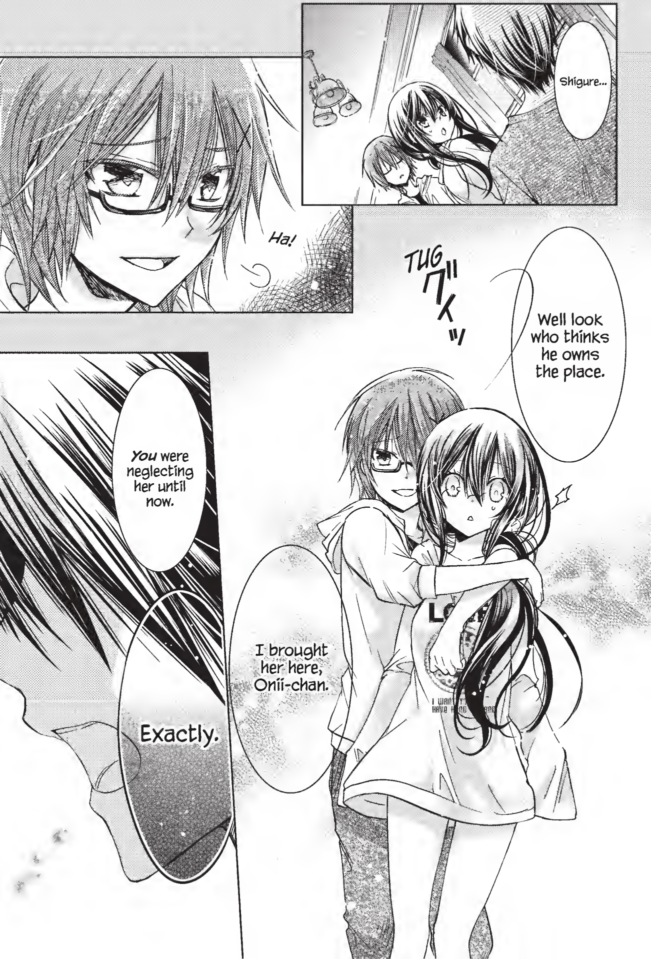

...I think Shigure stopped being mad at me.
When you talked to him...did you do that for me?
...
The hell I did.
I just wanted to know about Mami.
...
But he did bring me all the way here.
He really is...
Hm?
Huh?
But it's so baggy...

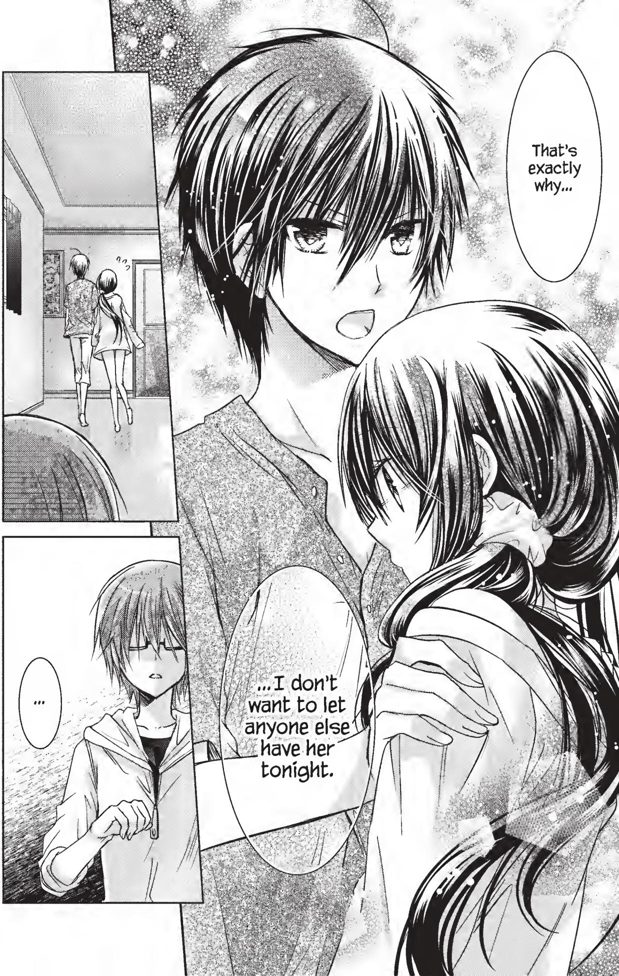

Hey!
These pajamas don't have any pants!!
Hmmmmmm-mmmmmm?
Taking in the view
LOVE
Nice legs, Onē-san!
You're an old man now?!
This is what a girl should look like in men's pajamas!
Gya ha ha!
BAM
After I thanked him and everything...
The pants are in my room. So come on, let's go to bed.
Yeah.
Honestly...

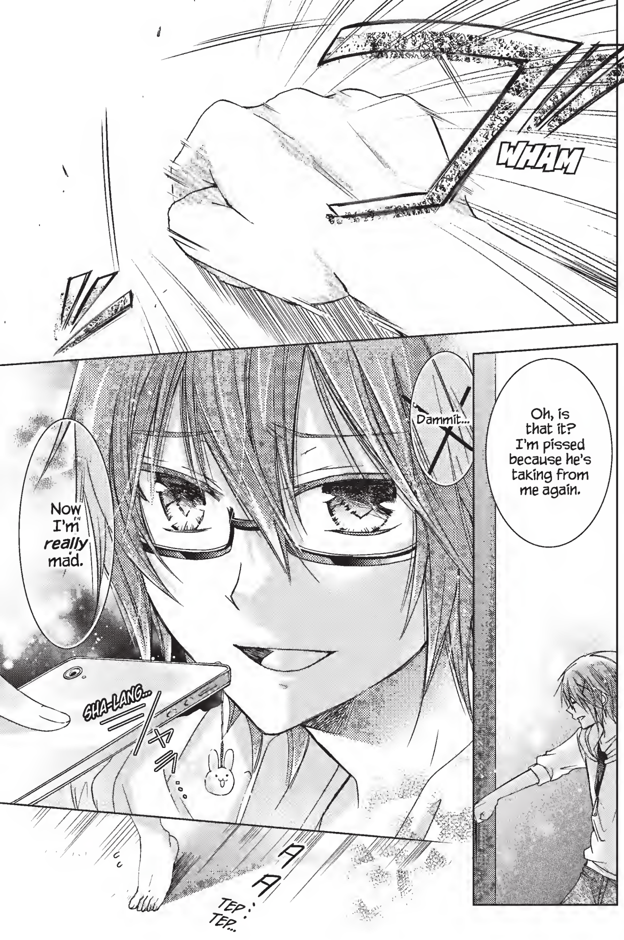

Wait, I am not sleeping in your room, and you know it!!
Quit messing around!!
Awww, why not? Is it because...
...You want to sleep with Shigure?
And you, another man's girlfriend.
LOV
That is *not*...
Then let's just go.
TUG
!!

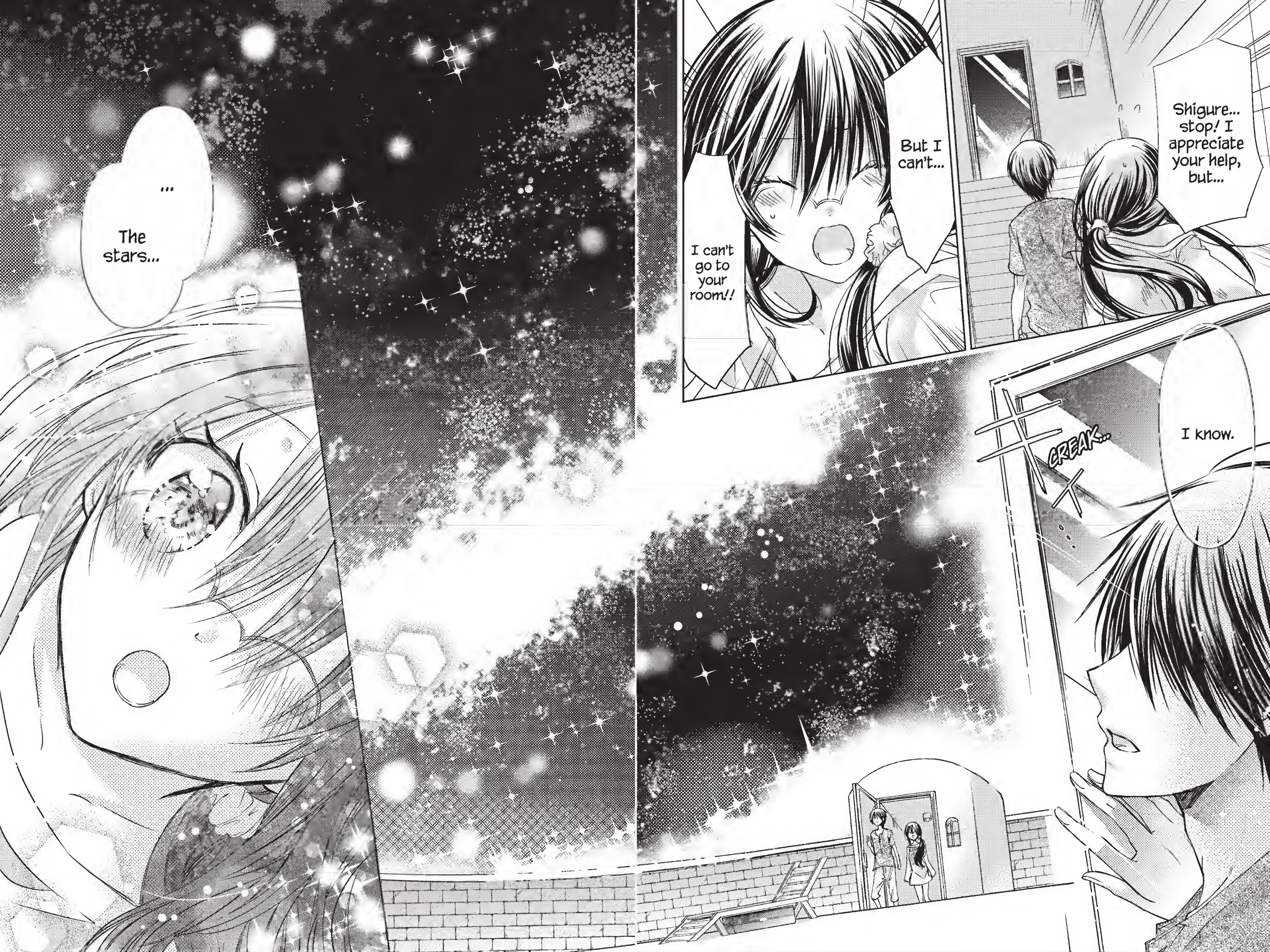

Hey! That hurts!
Come *on*, already!
Stay with *me!*
Hisa...

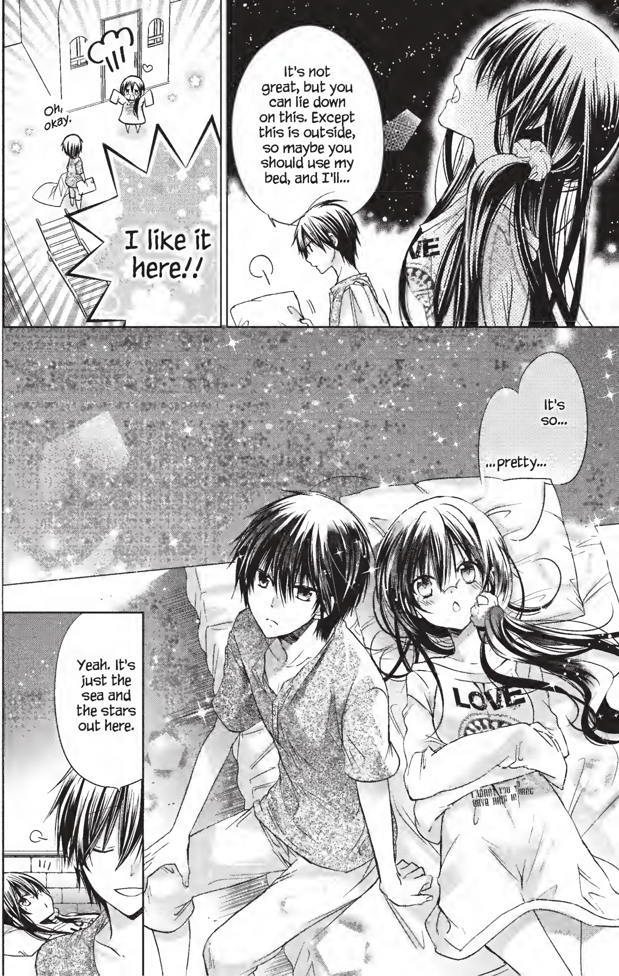

GRAB
Let go of her, Hisame.

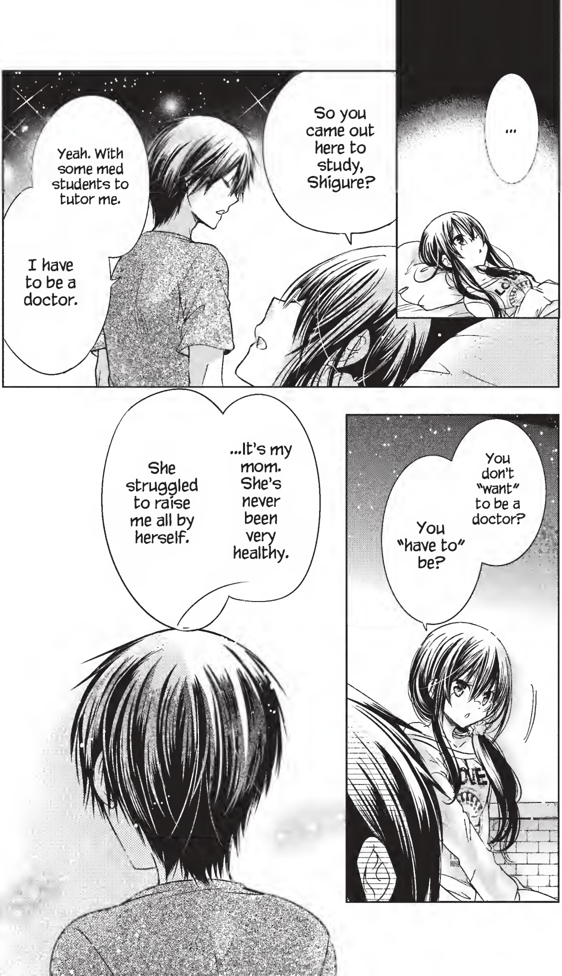

Shigure...
Ha!
TUG グイッ
Well look who thinks he owns the place.
You were neglecting her until now.
I brought her here, Onii-chan.
Exactly.

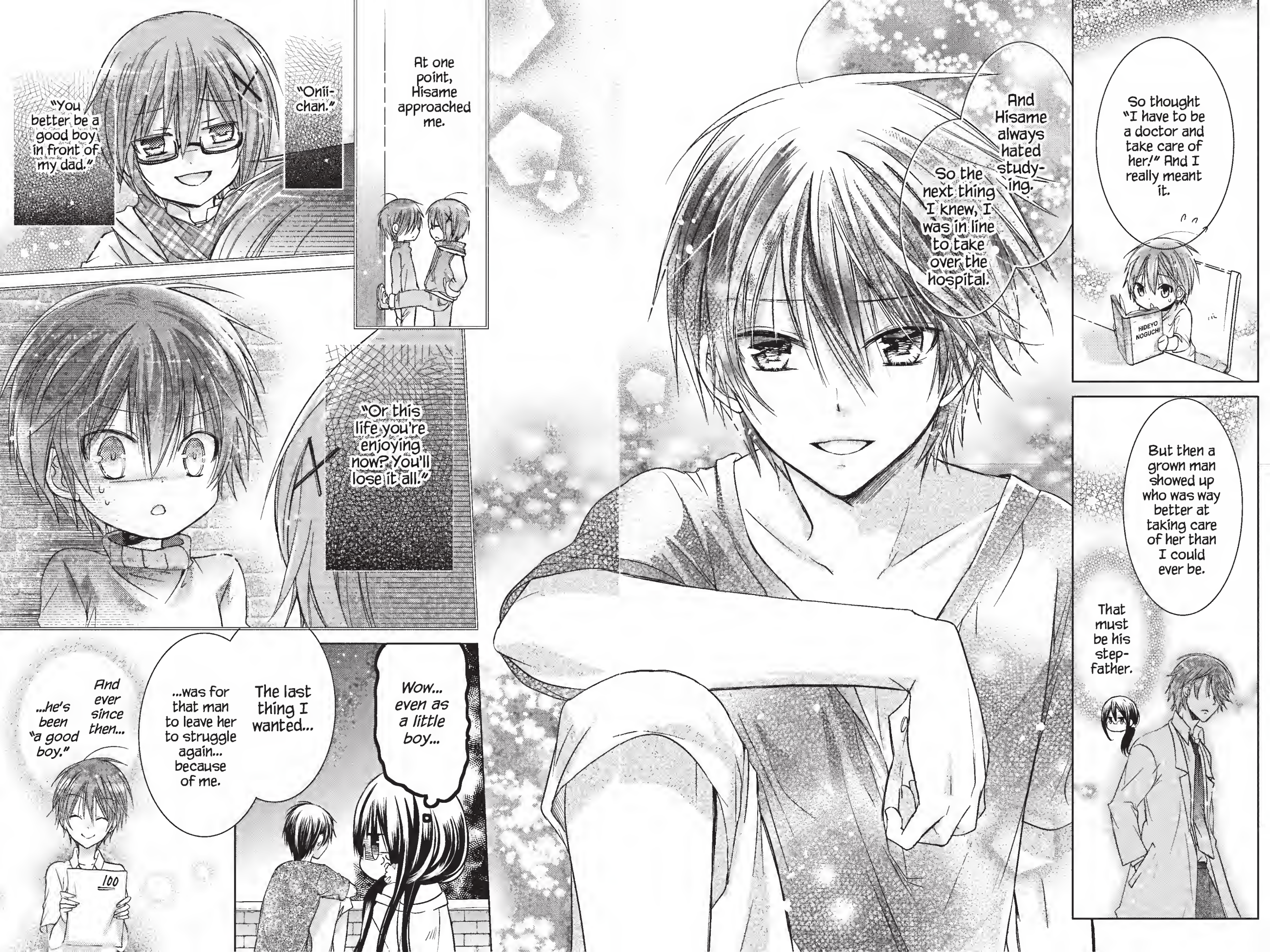

That's exactly why...
...I don't want to let anyone else have her tonight.
...


WHAM
Oh, is that it? I'm pissed because he's taking from me again.
Dammit...
Now I'm *really* mad.
SHA-LANG...
TEP... TEP...


Shigure... stop! I appreciate your help, but...
But I can't...
I can't go to your room!!
CREAK...
I know.
...
The stars...


It's not great, but you can lie down on this. Except this is outside, so maybe you should use my bed, and I'll...
I like it here!!
Oh, okay.
It's so...
...pretty...
LOVE
Yeah. It's just the sea and the stars out here.


...
So you came out here to study, Shigure?
Yeah. With some med students to tutor me.
I have to be a doctor.
You don't "want" to be a doctor?
You "have to" be?
...It's my mom. She's never been very healthy.
She struggled to raise me all by herself.


So thought "I have to be a doctor and take care of her!" And I really meant it.
HIDEYO NOGUCHI
But then a grown man showed up who was way better at taking care of her than I could ever be.
That must be his step-father.
And Hisame always hated studying.
So the next thing I knew, I was in line to take over the hospital.
At one point, Hisame approached me.
"Onii-chan."
"You better be a good boy in front of my dad."
"Or this life you're enjoying now? You'll lose it all."
Wow... even as a little boy...
The last thing I wanted...
...was for that man to leave her to struggle again... because of me.
And ever since then...
...he's been "a good boy."
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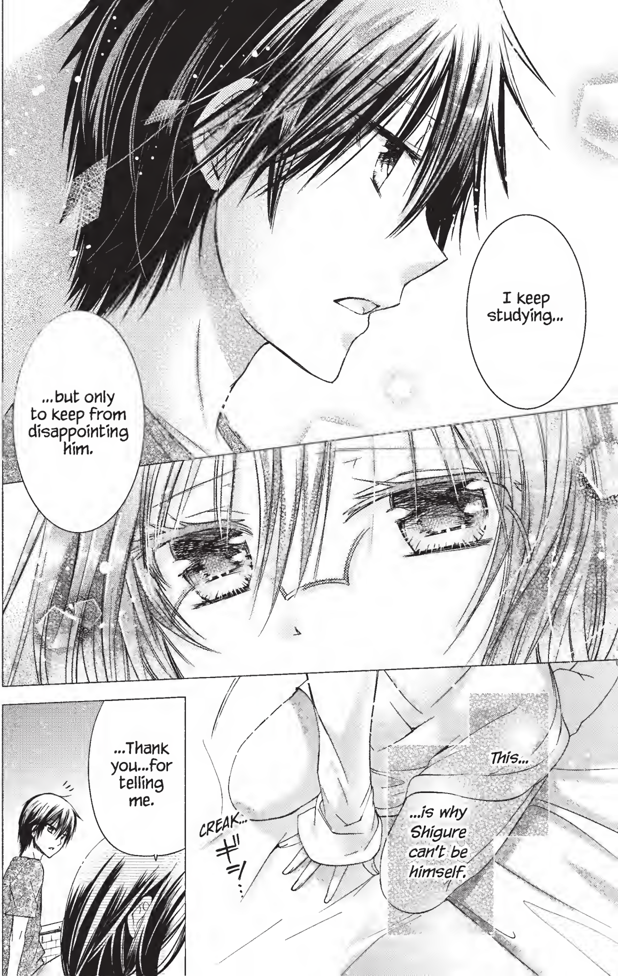
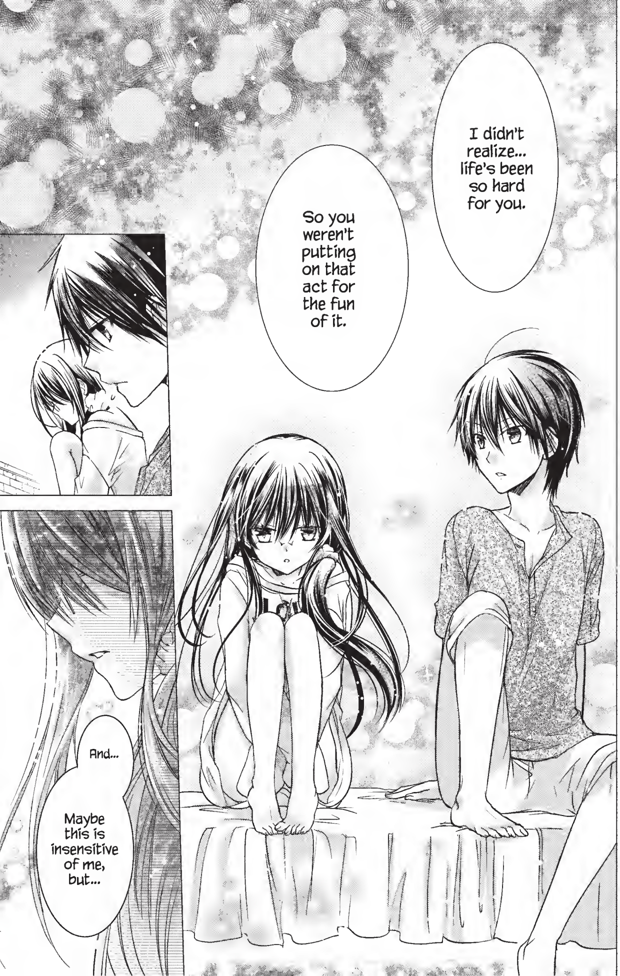
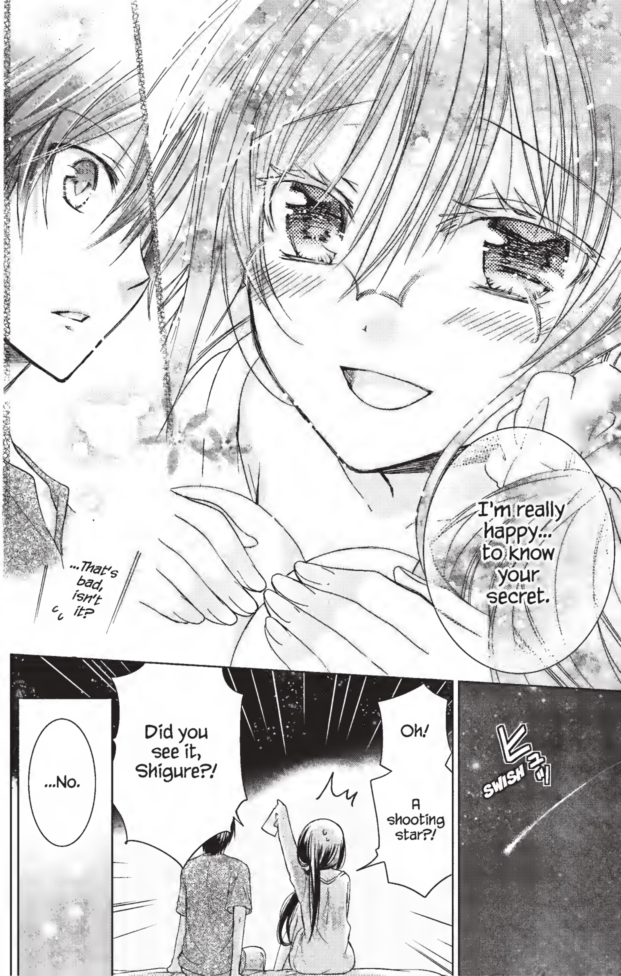
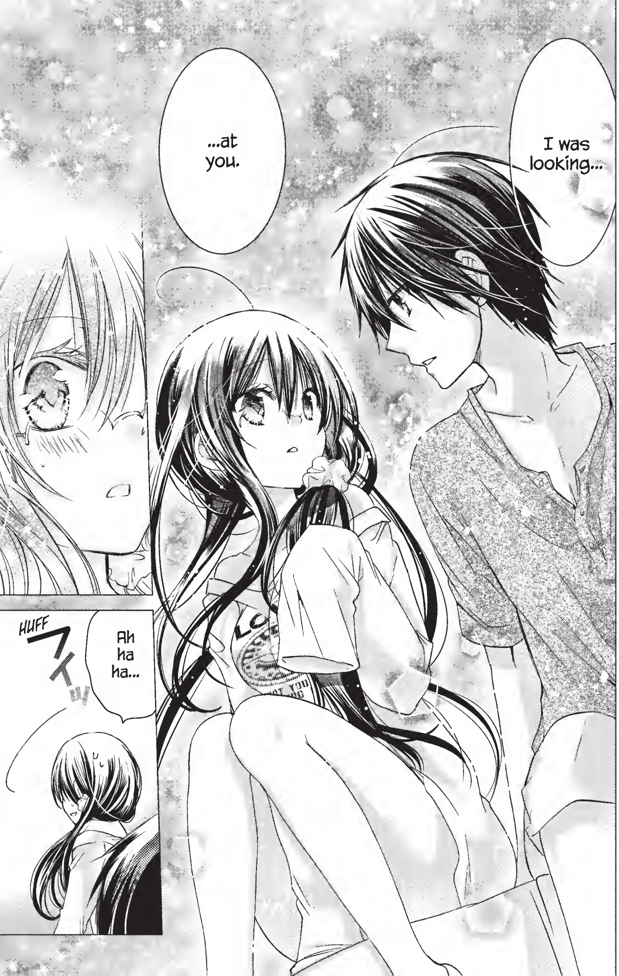
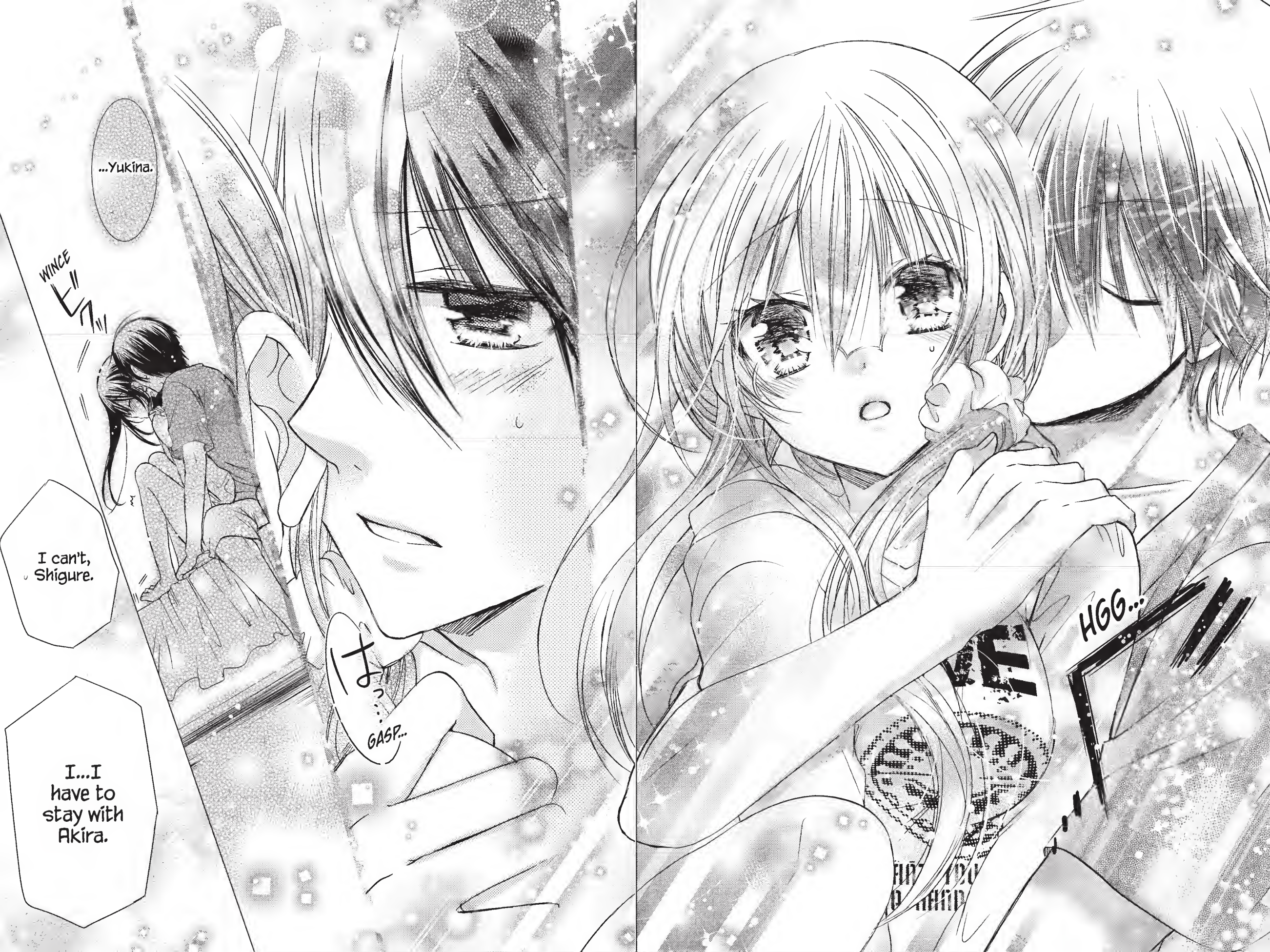
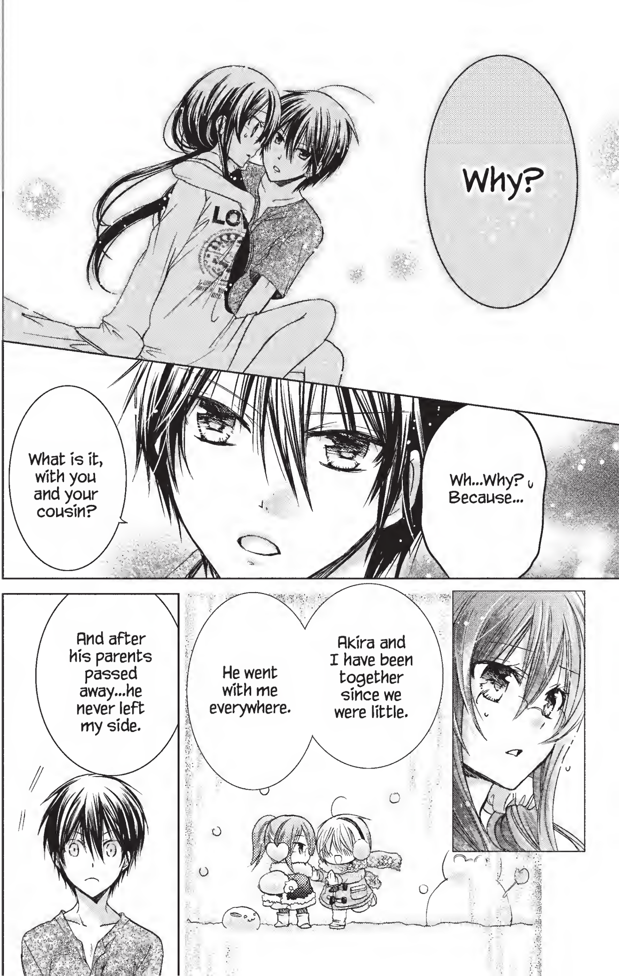

I keep studying...
...but only to keep from disappointing him.
This...
...is why Shigure can't be himself.
CREAK...
ギ≡!
...Thank you...for telling me.

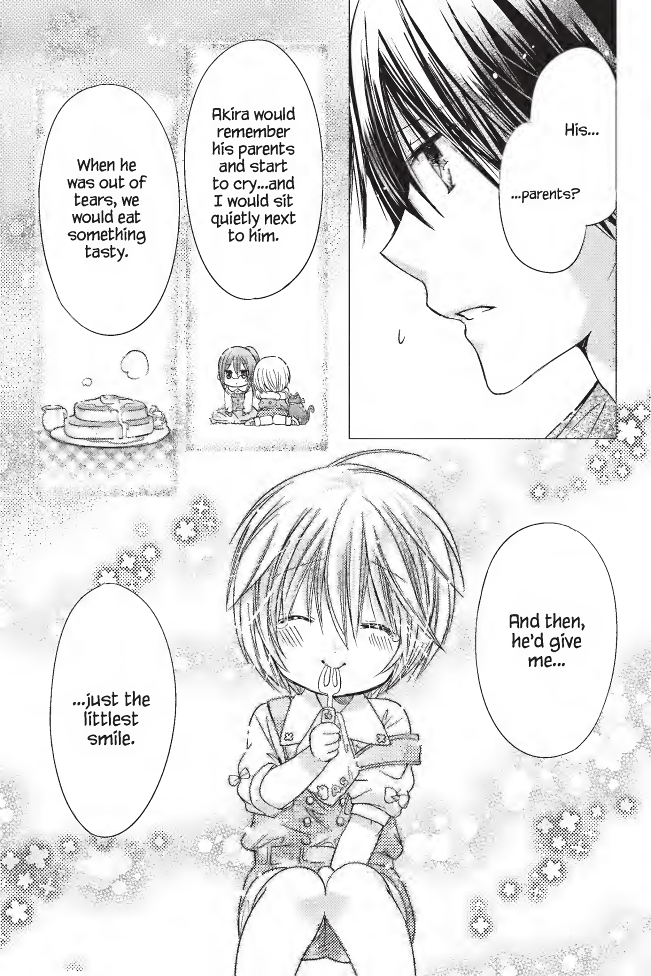

I didn't realize... life's been so hard for you.
So you weren't putting on that act for the fun of it.
And...
Maybe this is insensitive of me, but...

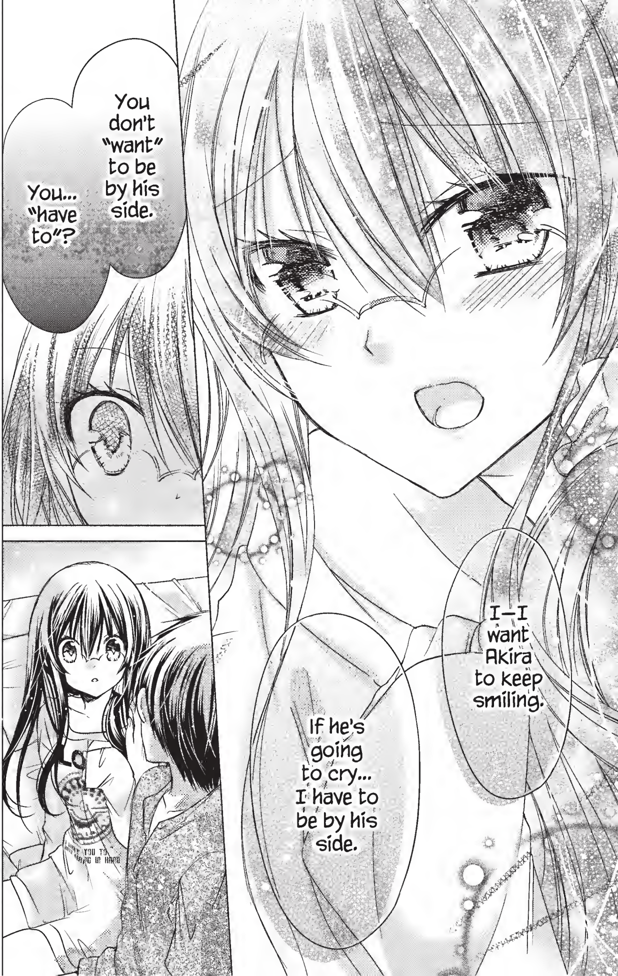

I'm really happy... to know your secret.
...That's bad, isn't it?
SWISH
Oh!
A shooting star?!
Did you see it, Shigure?!
...No.

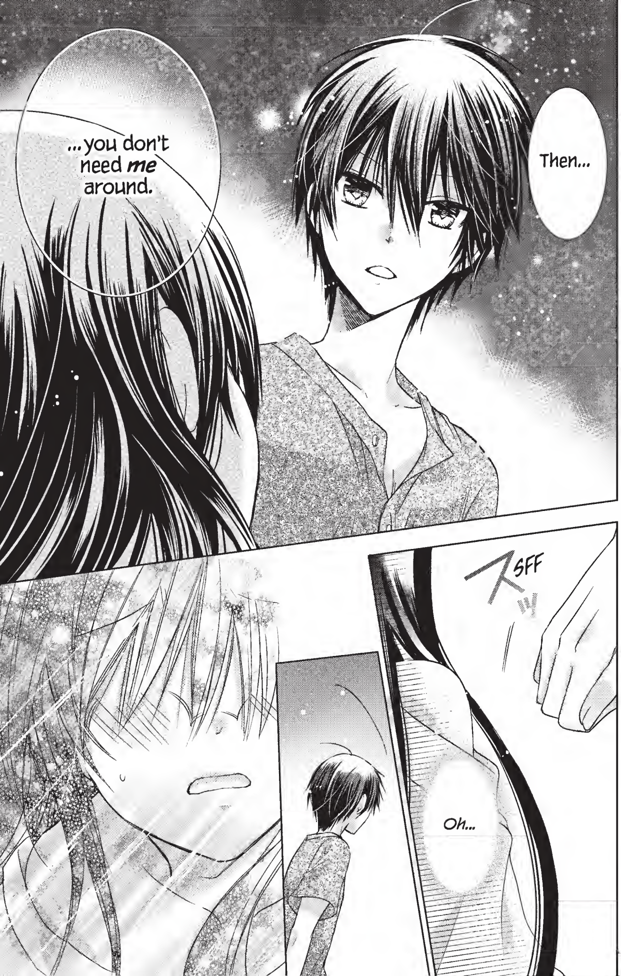

I was looking...
...at you.
HUFF
フイッ
Ah ha ha...

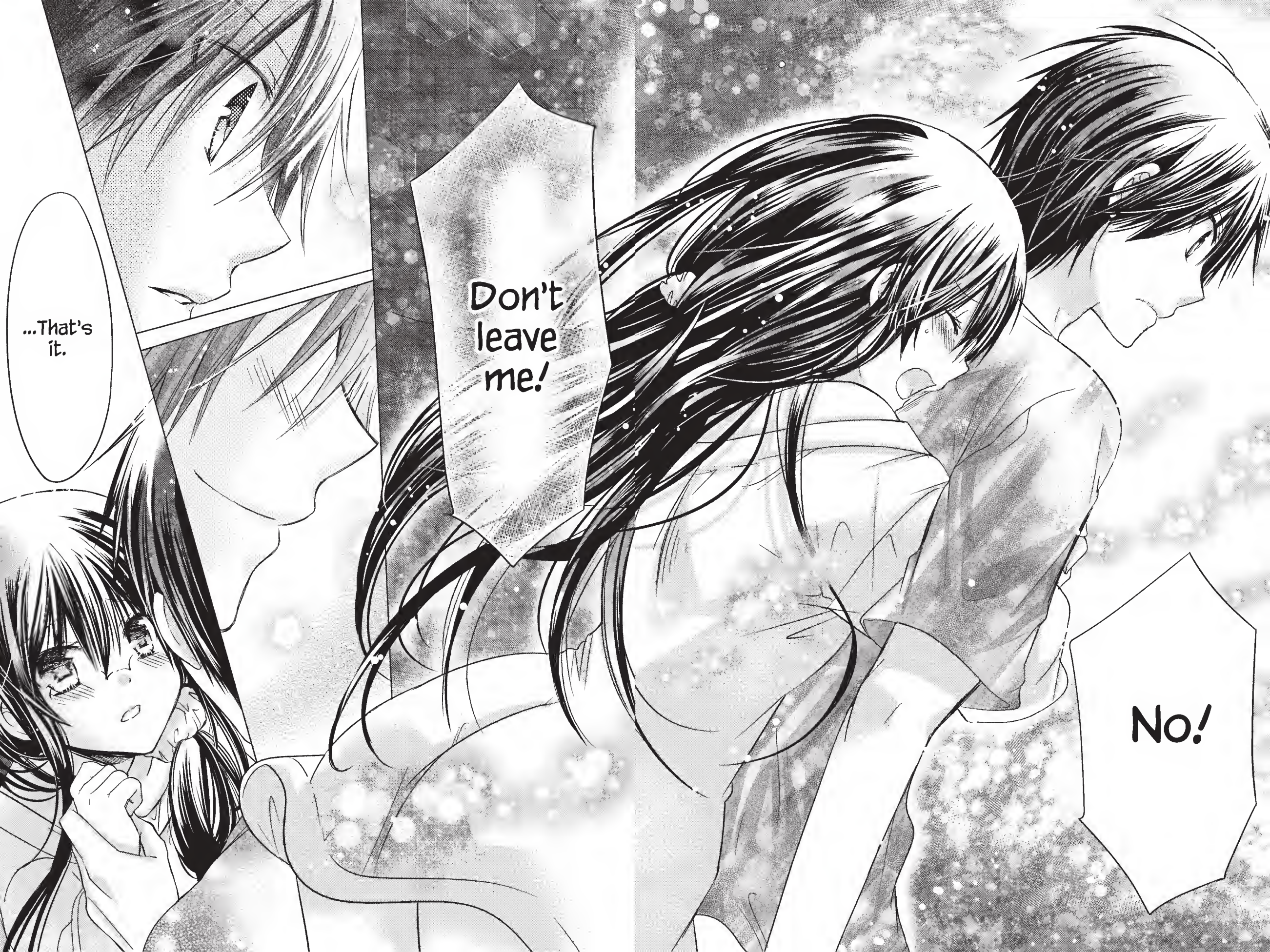

HGG...
...Yukina.
ビクッ
WINCE
I can't, Shigure.
はっ…
GASP...
I...I have to stay with Akira.

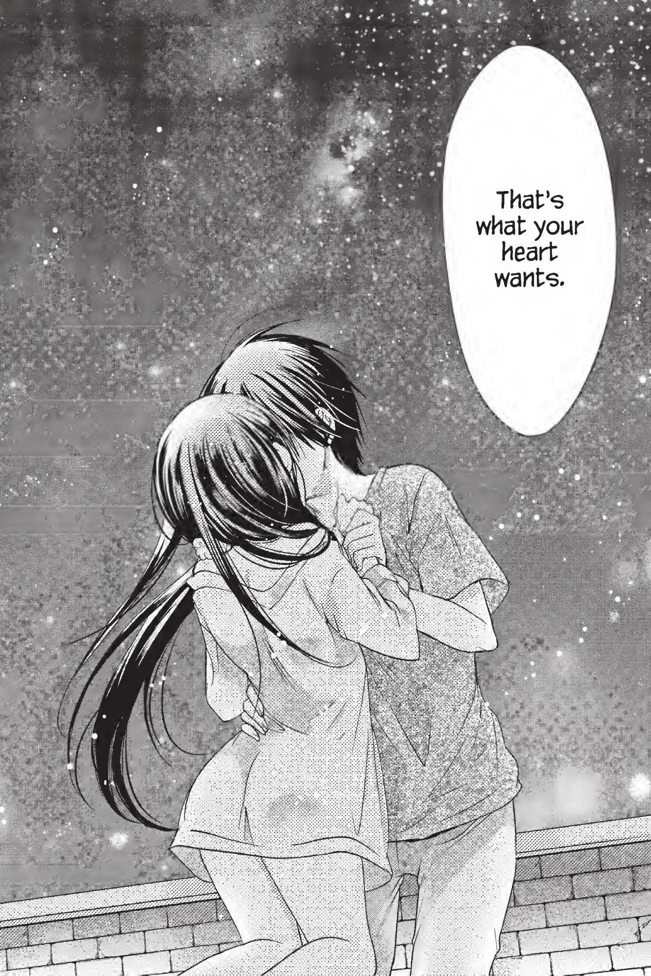

Why?
Wh...Why? Because...
What is it, with you and your cousin?
Akira and I have been together since we were little.
He went with me everywhere.
And after his parents passed away...he never left my side.


His...
...parents?
Akira would remember his parents and start to cry...and I would sit quietly next to him.
When he was out of tears, we would eat something tasty.
And then, he'd give me...
...just the littlest smile.


I—I want Akira to keep smiling.
If he's going to cry... I have to be by his side.
You don't "want" to be by his side.
You... "have to"?


Then...
...you don't need *me* around.
スッ
SFF
Oh...


No!
Don't leave me!
...That's it.


That's what your heart wants.

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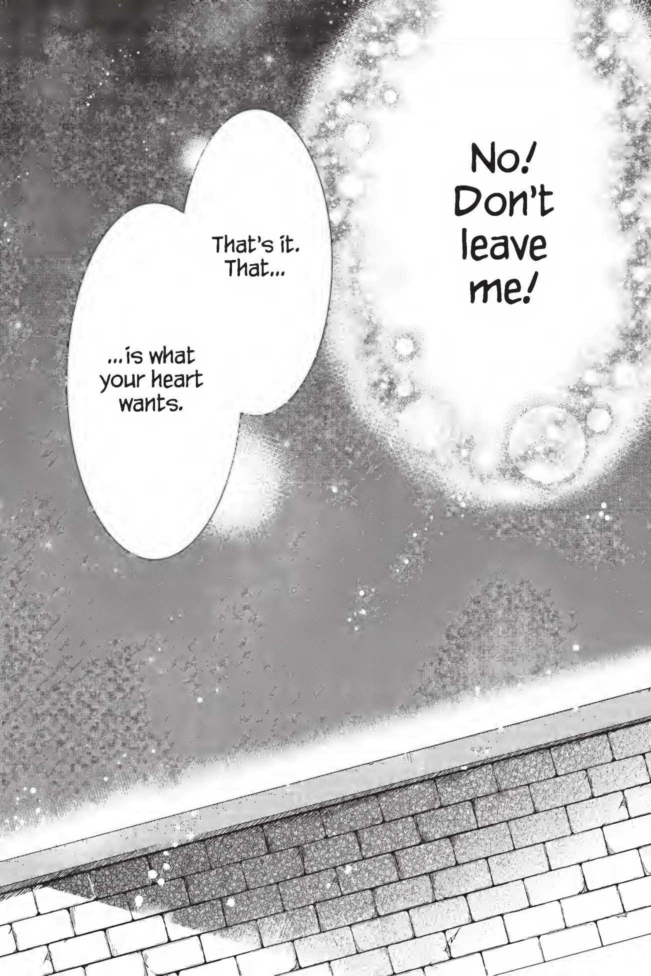
No! Don't leave me!
That's it. That...
...is what your heart wants.

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A Heart Set in Motion

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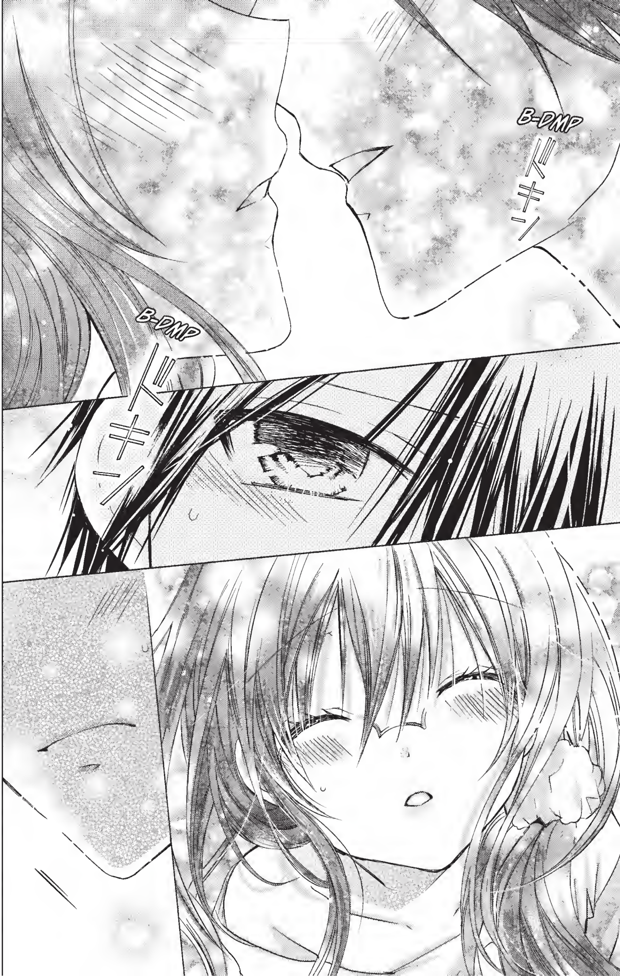
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ドキーン
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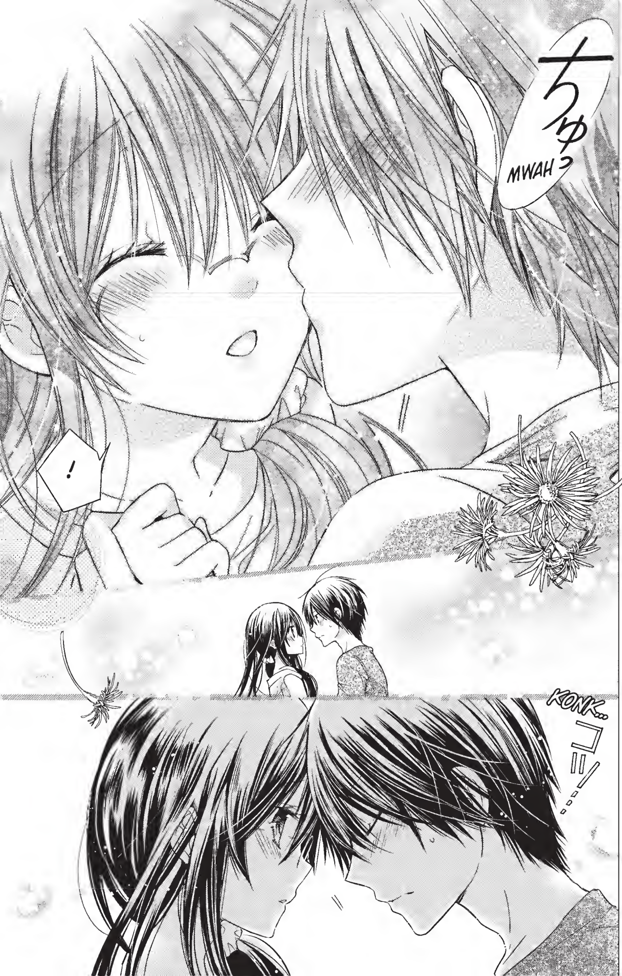
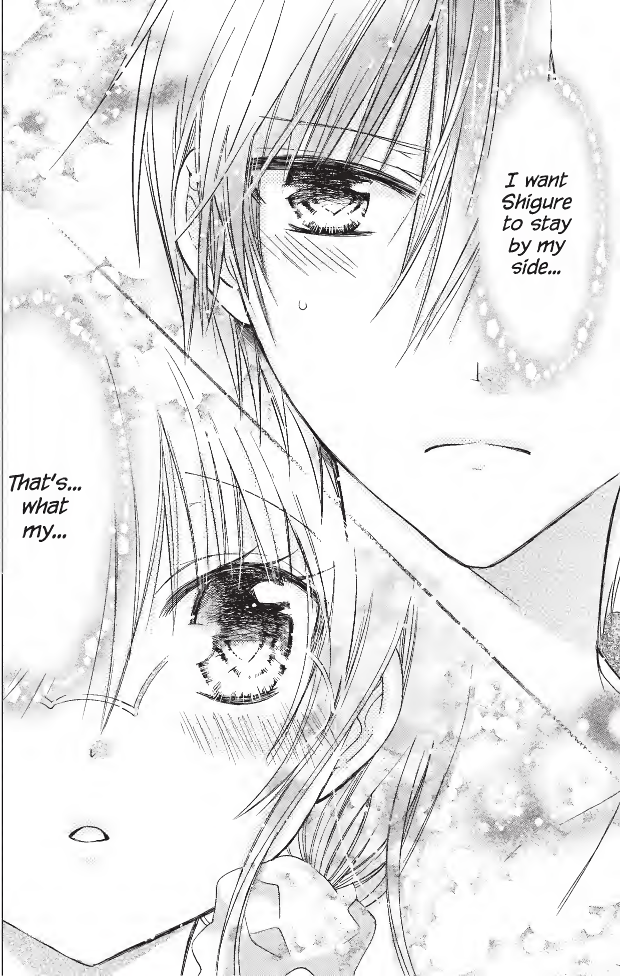
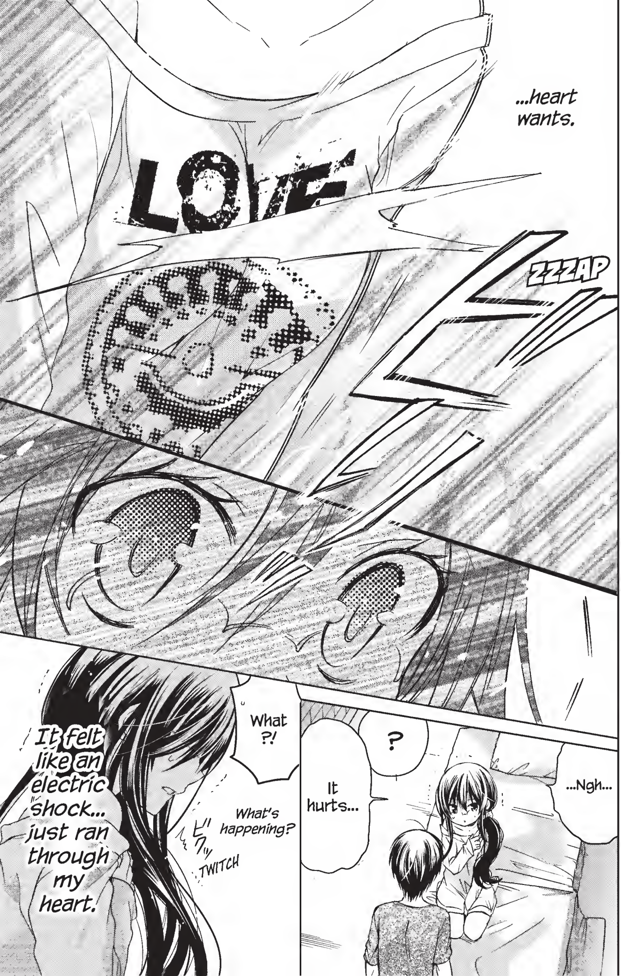
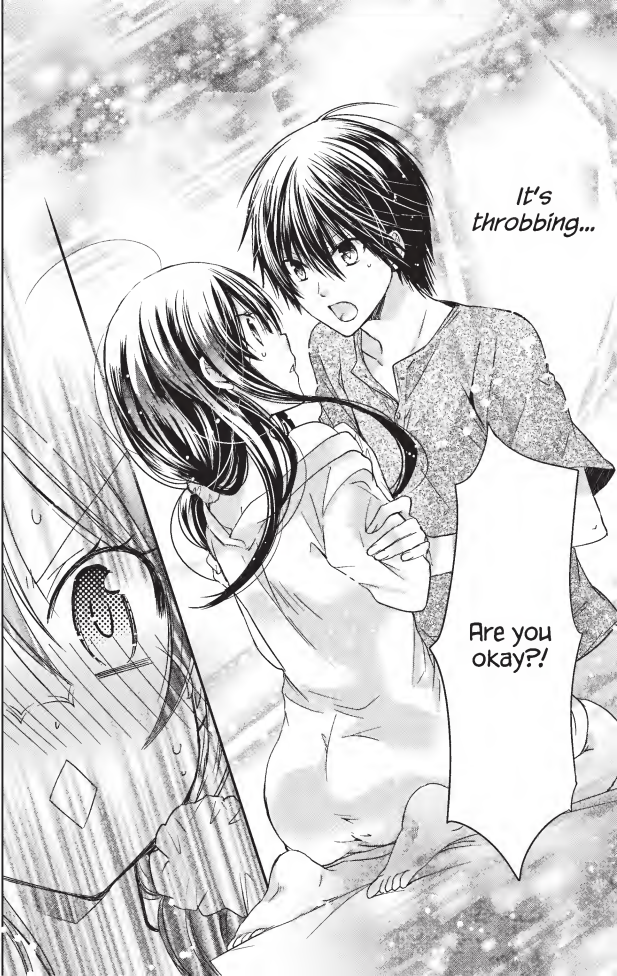
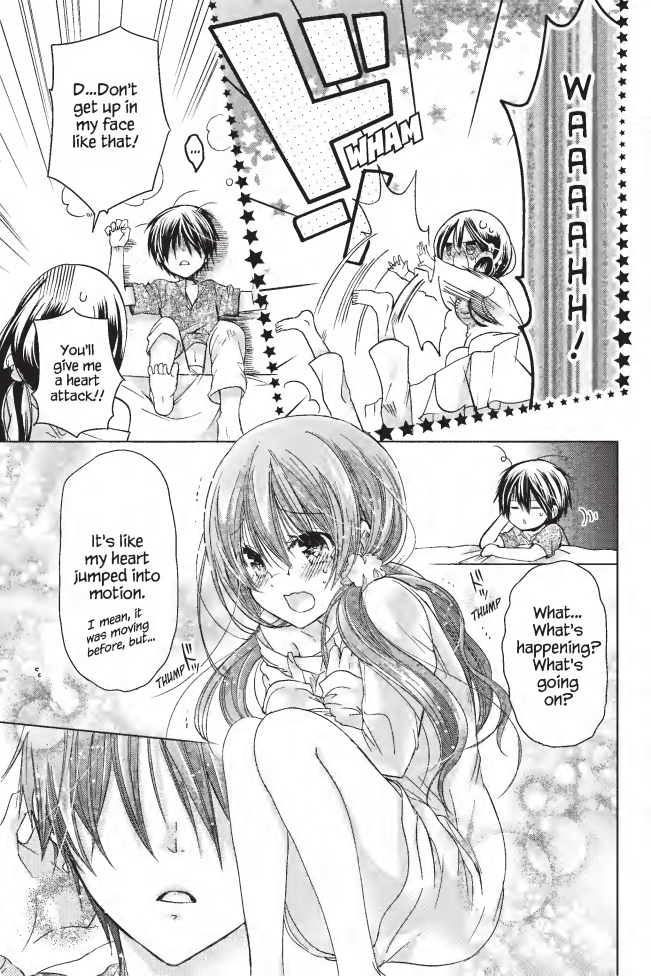
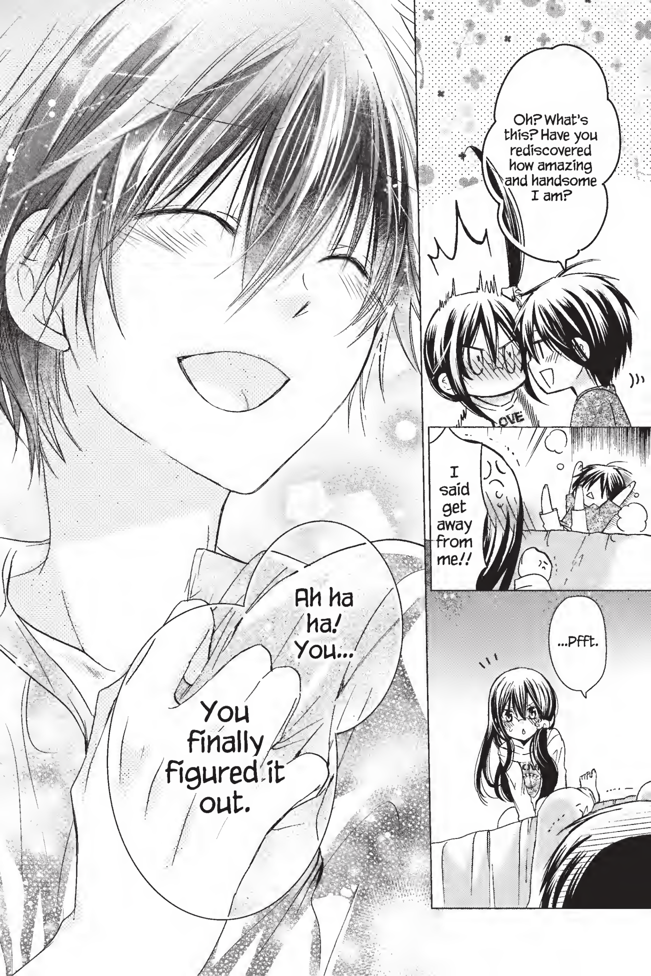

ちゅっ
MWAH
!
KONK...
コツ...

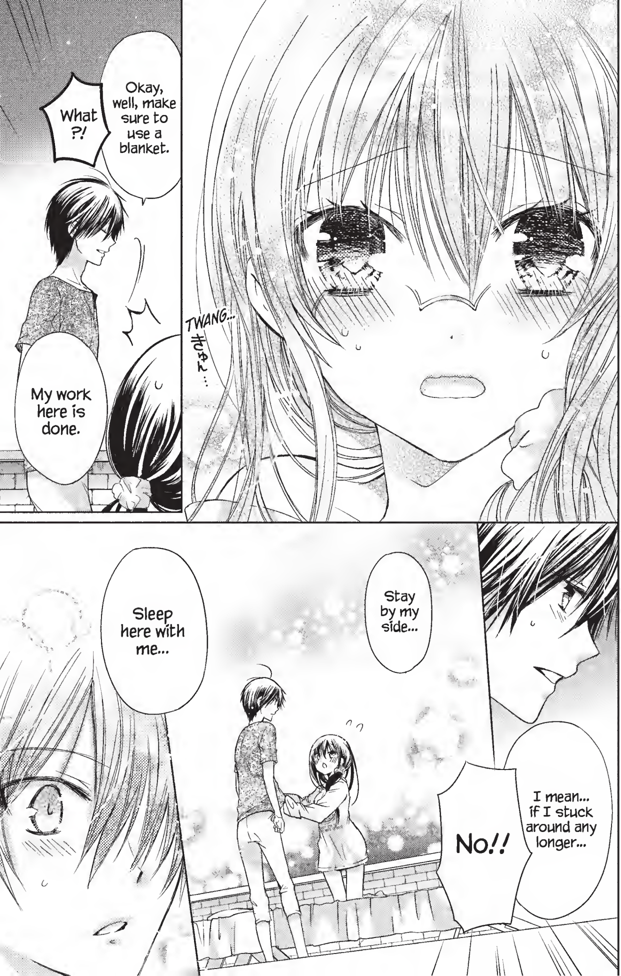

I want Shigure to stay by my side...
That's... what my...

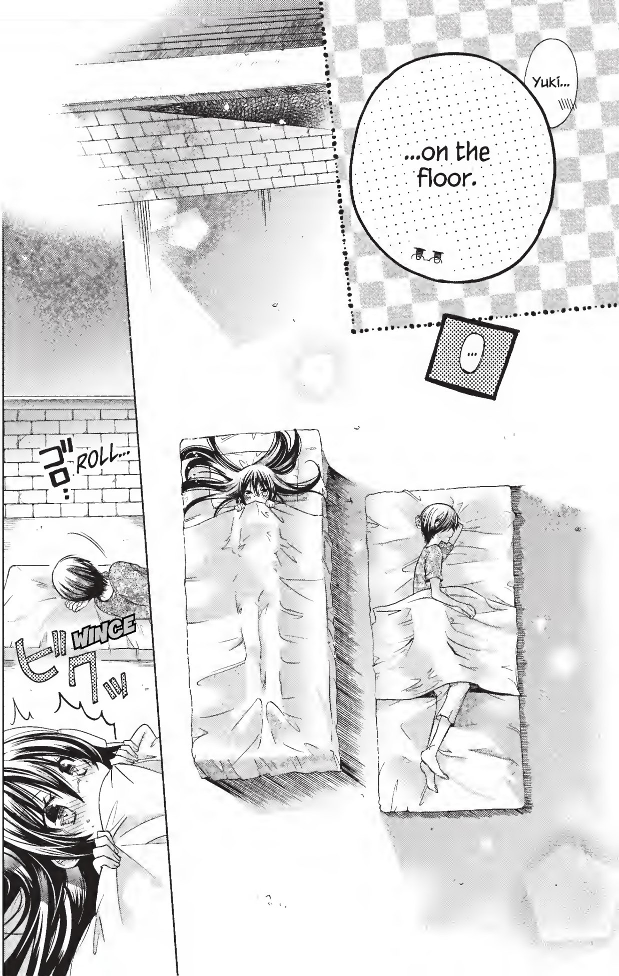

...heart wants.
LOVE
ZZZAP
...Ngh...
?
It hurts...
What?!
What's happening?
ビクッ
TWITCH
It felt like an electric shock... just ran through my heart.

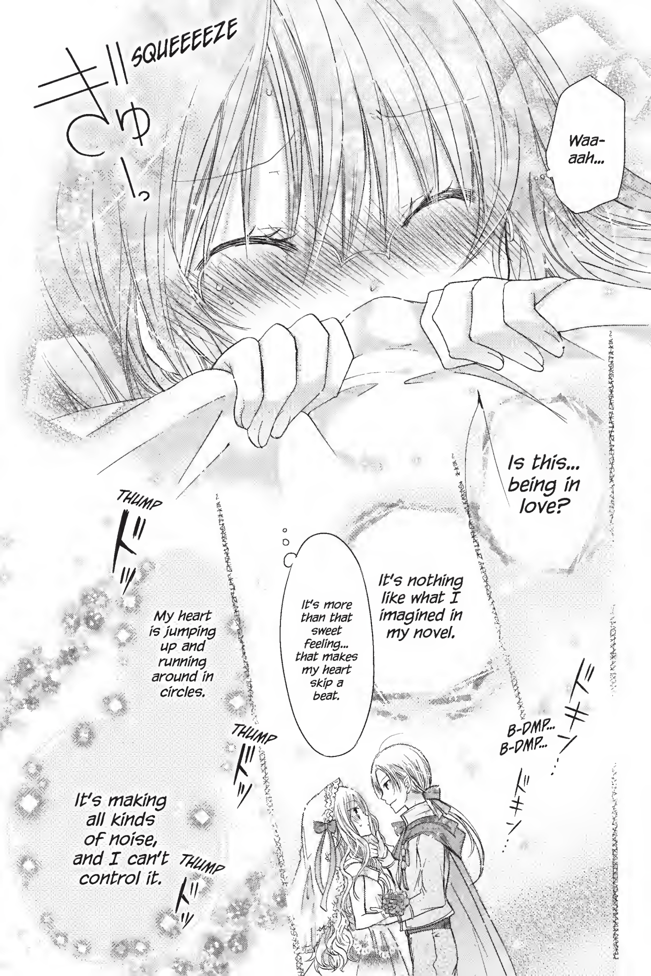

It's throbbing...
Are you okay?!

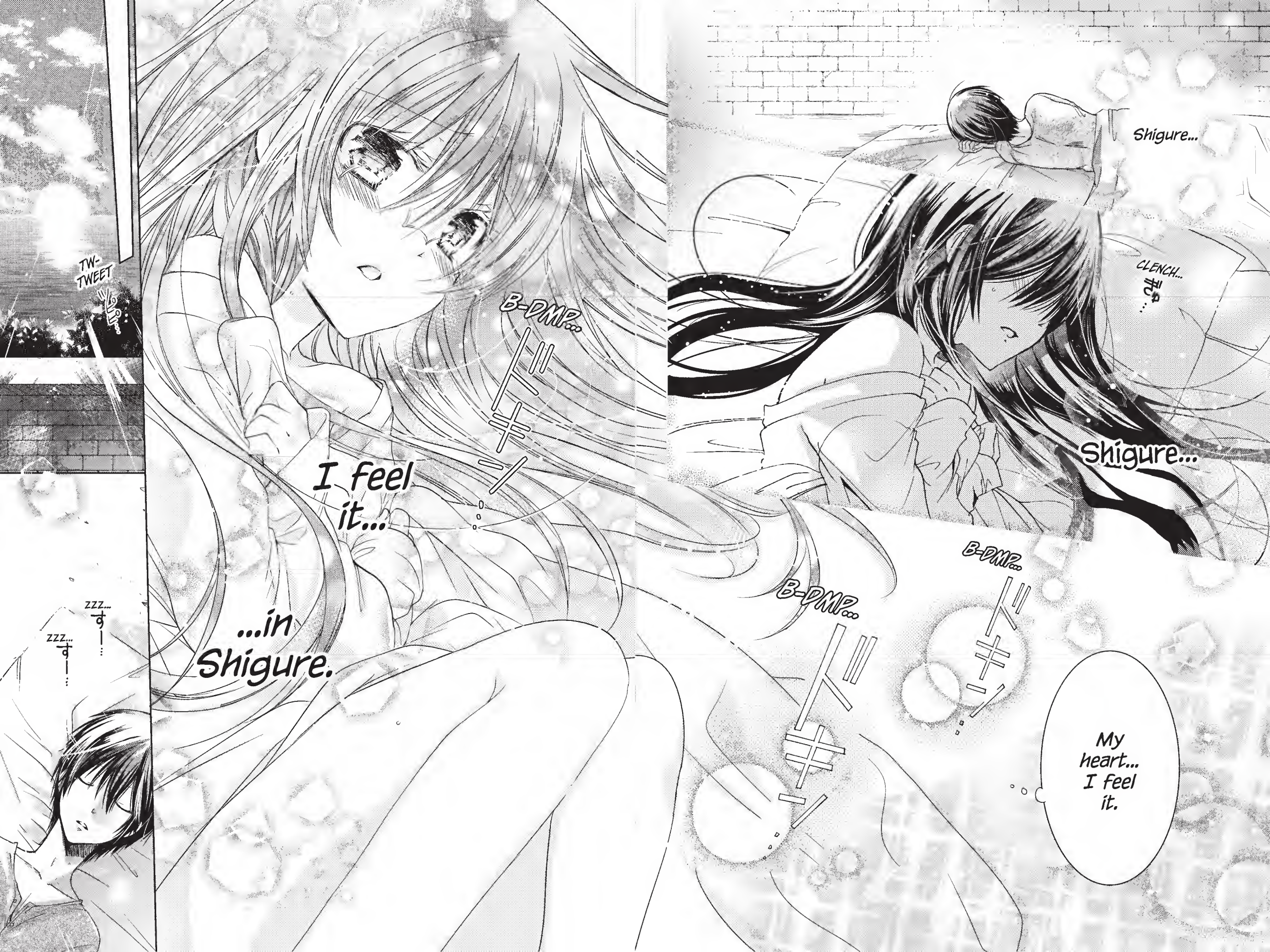

WAAAAAHH!
WHAM
D...Don't get up in my face like that!
...
You'll give me a heart attack!!
What... What's happening? What's going on?
THUMP
It's like my heart jumped into motion.
I mean, it was moving before, but...
THUMP

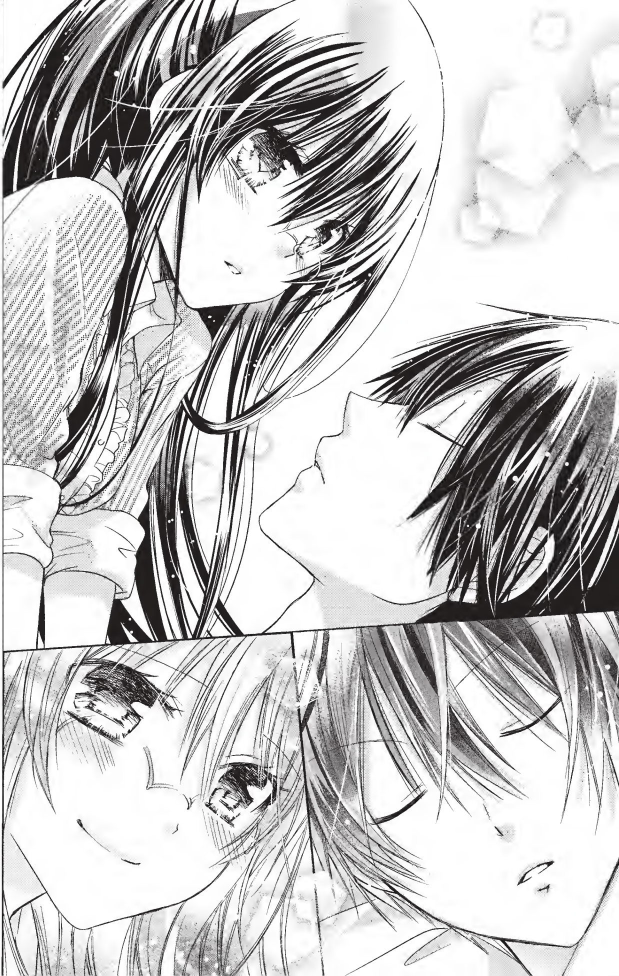

Oh? What's this? Have you rediscovered how amazing and handsome I am?
I said get away from me!!
...Pfft.
Ah ha ha! You...
You finally figured it out.

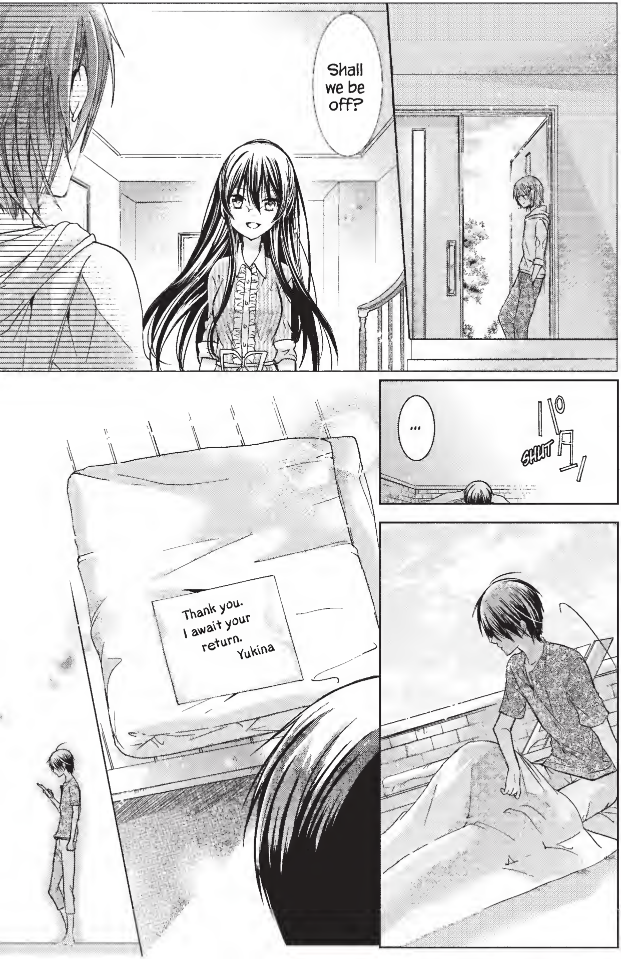

TWANG...
きゅん…
Okay, well, make sure to use a blanket.
What?!
My work here is done.
Stay by my side...
Sleep here with me...
I mean... if I stuck around any longer...
No!!

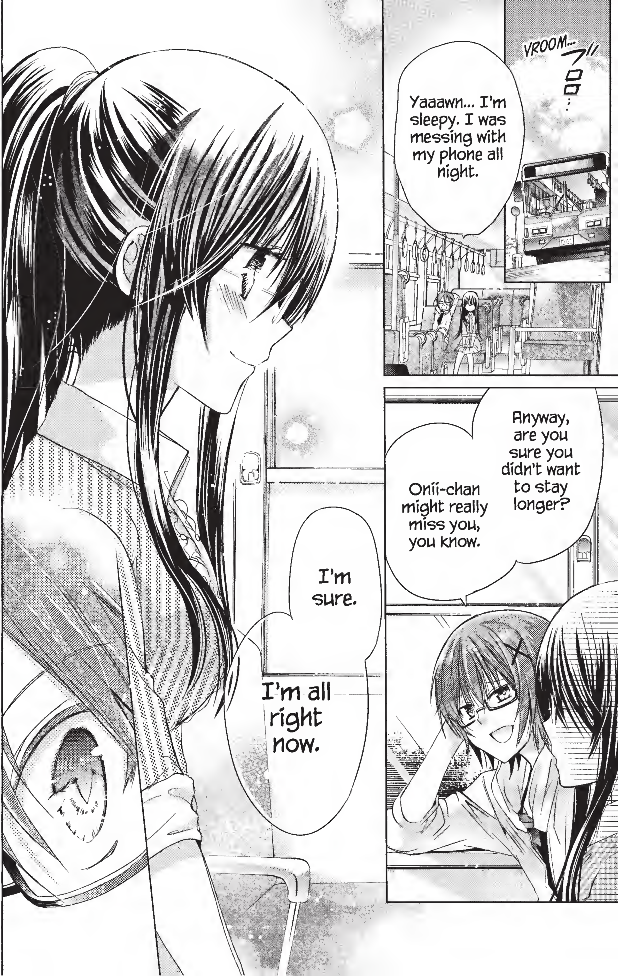

...on the floor.
Yuki...
...
ゴロ… ROLL...
ビクッ WINCE

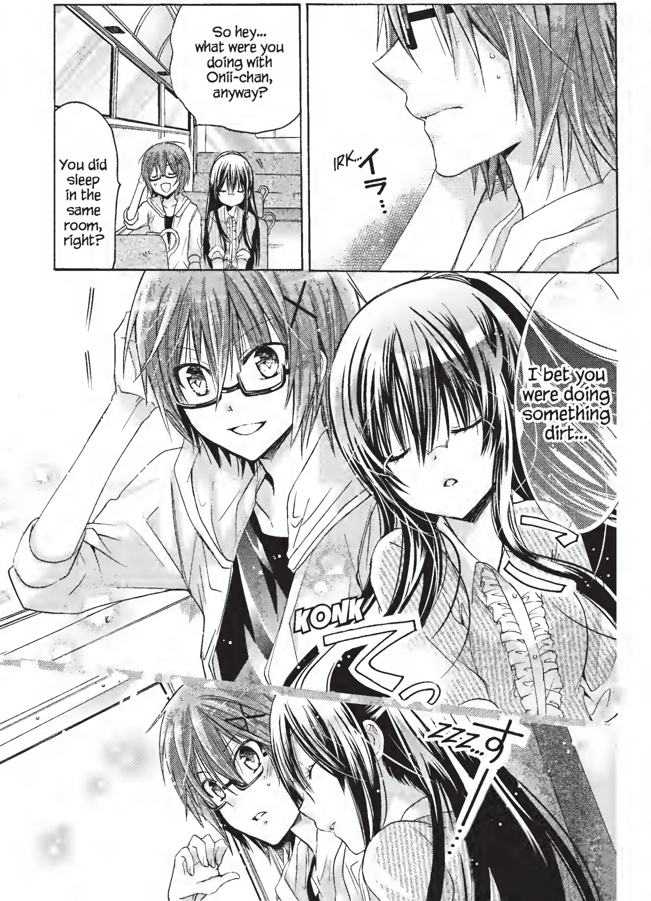

Waa-
aah...
SQUEEEEZE
ぎゅー!
Is this... being in love?
It's nothing like what I imagined in my novel.
It's more than that sweet feeling... that makes my heart skip a beat.
My heart is jumping up and running around in circles.
THUMP
ドッ
THUMP
ドッ
It's making all kinds of noise, and I can't control it.
THUMP
ドッ
B-DMP... B-DMP...
ドキン…
ドキン…

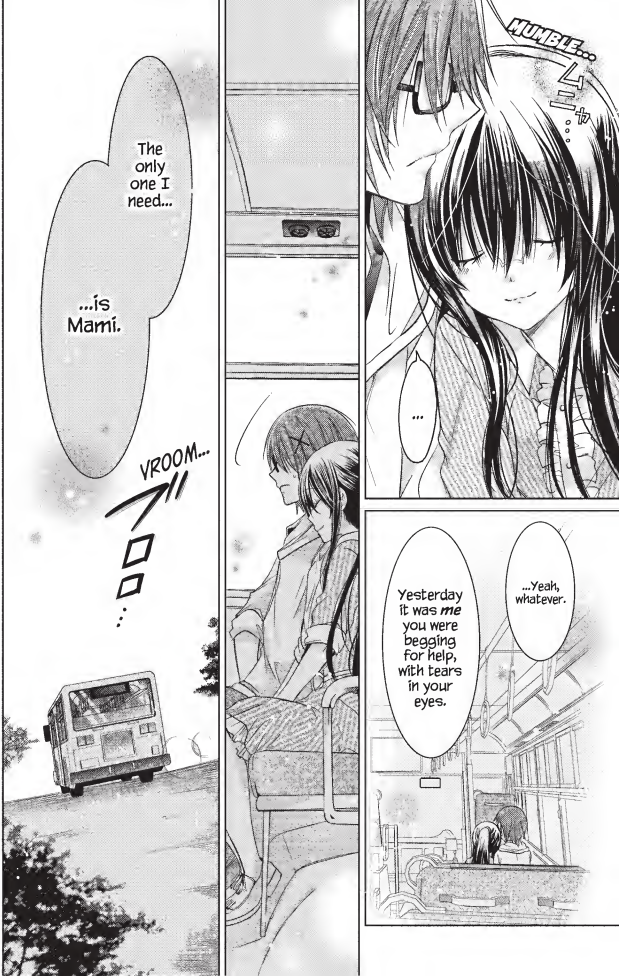

Shigure...
CLENCH... ぎゅ…
Shigure...
B-DMP... ドキーン
B-DMP... ドキーン
My heart... I feel it.
B-DMP... ドキーン
I feel it...
...in Shigure.
TW-TWEET
zzz... すー…
zzz... すー…

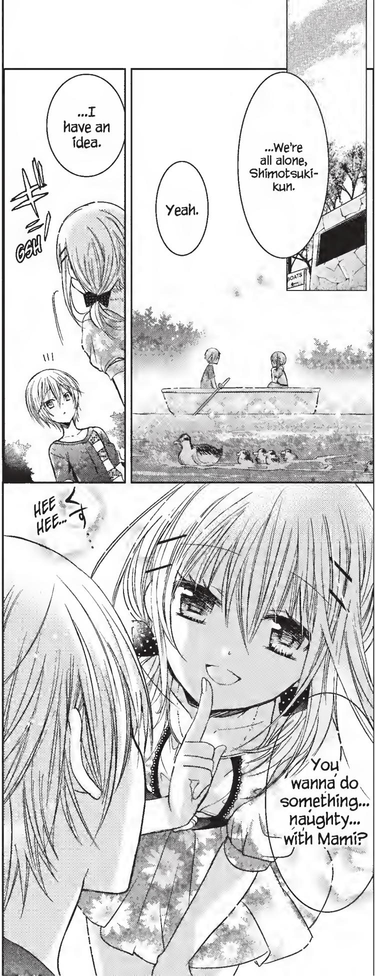



Shall we be off?
...
パタン
SHUT
Thank you.
I await your
return.
Yukina

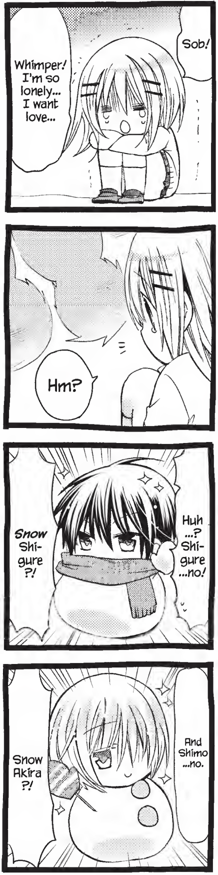

VROOM...
ブロロ…
Yaaawn... I'm sleepy. I was messing with my phone all night.
Anyway, are you sure you didn't want to stay longer?
Onii-chan might really miss you, you know.
I'm sure.
I'm all right now.

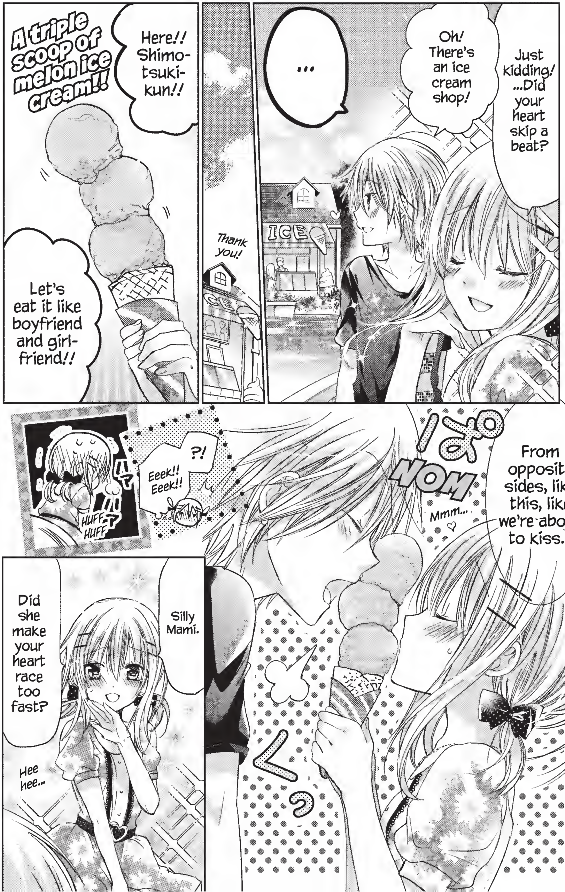

IRK... イラ...
So hey... what were you doing with Onii-chan, anyway?
You did sleep in the same room, right?
I bet you were doing something dirt...
KONK こっ
ZZZ...す
...

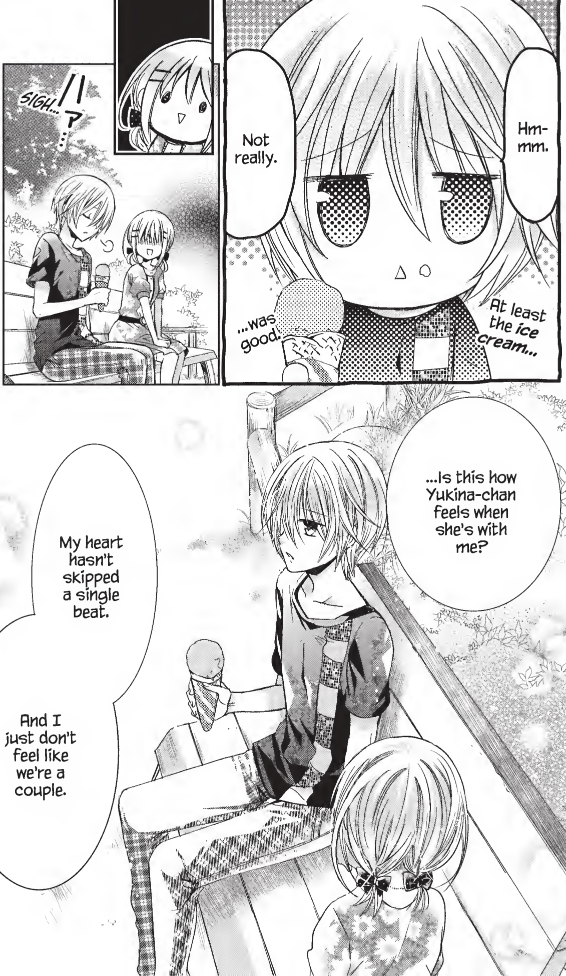

MUMBLE... ムニャ...
...
...Yeah, whatever.
Yesterday it was *me* you were begging for help, with tears in your eyes.
The only one I need...
...is Mami.
VROOM... ブロロ...

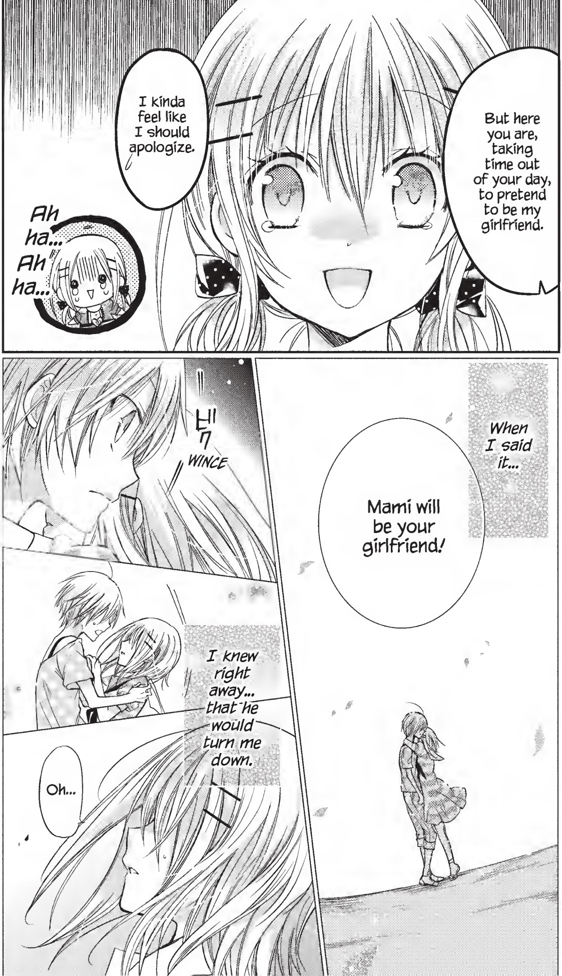

...We're all alone, Shimotsuki-kun.
Yeah.
BOATS
...I have an idea.
GSH
HEE HEE... くす
You wanna do something... naughty... with Mami?

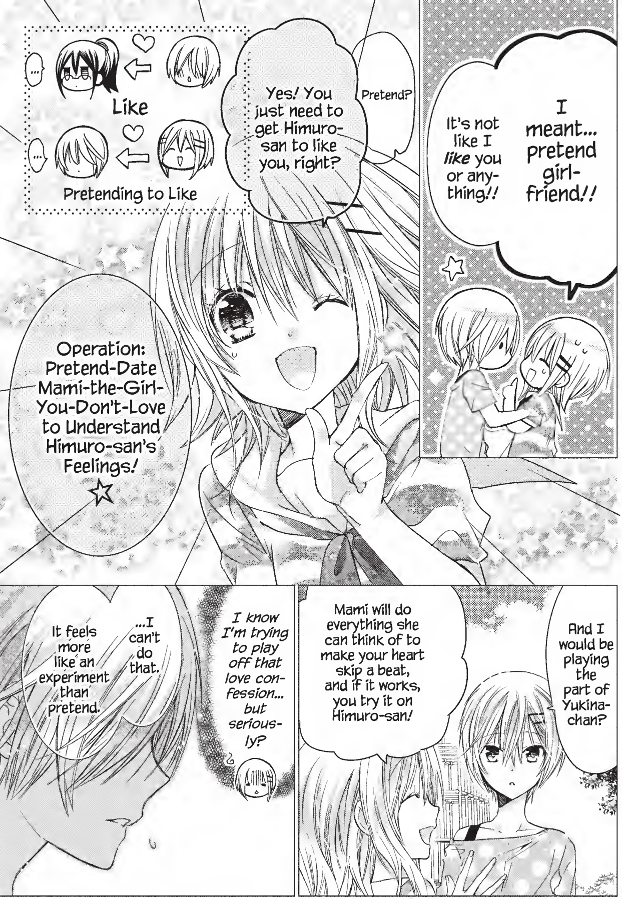
Mami's Melancholy Part 3

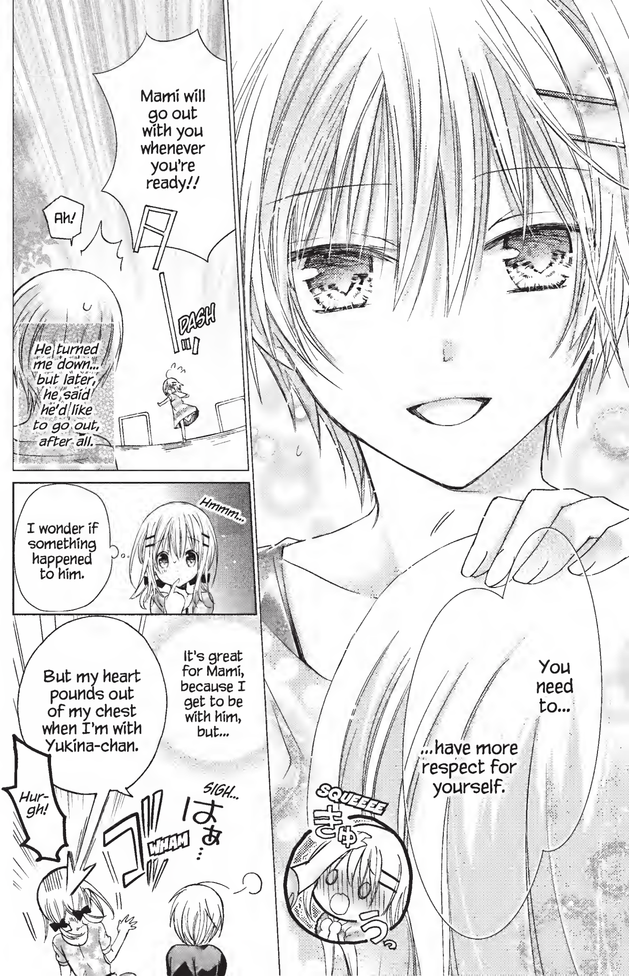

Sob!
Whimper! I'm so lonely... I want love...
Hm?
Huh...? Shigure...no!
Snow Shigure?!
And Shimo...no.
Snow Akira?!

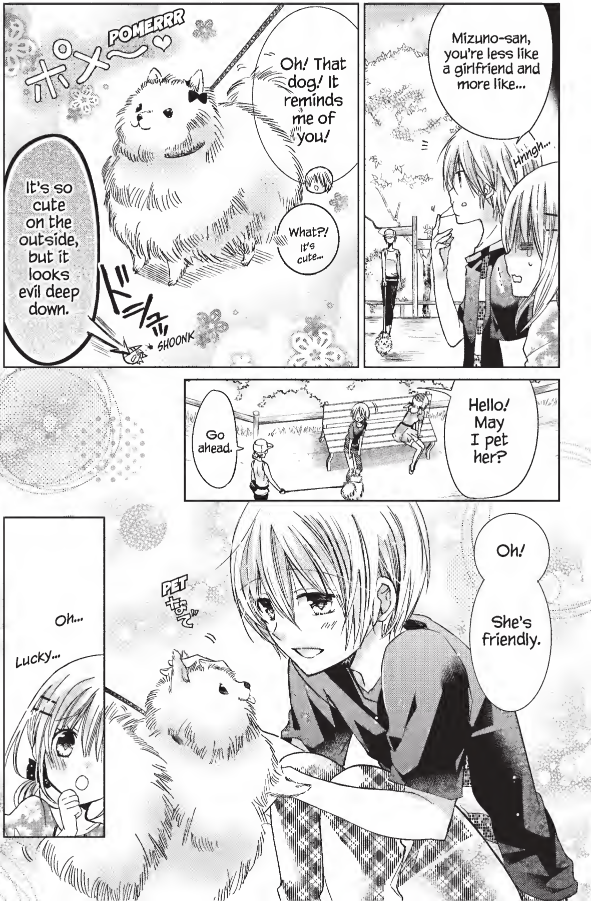

Just kidding! ...Did your heart skip a beat?
Oh! There's an ice cream shop!
...
ICE
Thank you!
Here!! Shimotsuki-kun!!
A triple scoop of melon ice cream!!
Let's eat it like boyfriend and girlfriend!!
From opposite sides, like this, like we're about to kiss...
ぱ
NOM
Mmm... ♡
?!
Eeek!! Eeek!!
ハァ
ハァ
HUFF HUFF
くっ
Silly Mami.
Did she make your heart race too fast?
Hee hee...

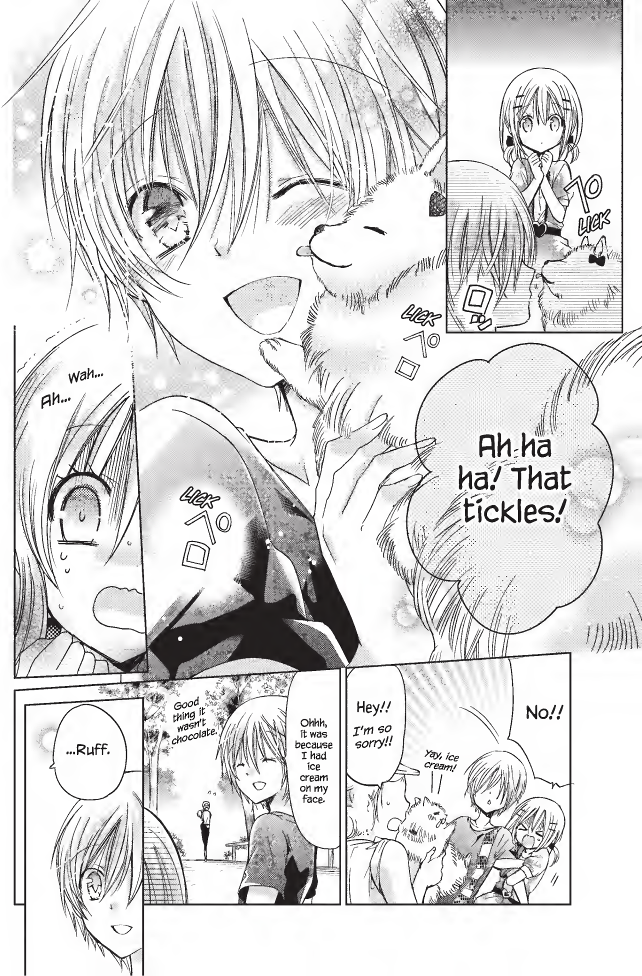

Hm-mm.
Not really.
At least the ice cream...
...was good.
SIGH... ハア...
...Is this how Yukina-chan feels when she's with me?
My heart hasn't skipped a single beat.
And I just don't feel like we're a couple.


But here you are, taking time out of your day, to pretend to be my girlfriend.
I kinda feel like I should apologize.
Ah ha... Ah ha...
When I said it...
Mami will be your girlfriend!
ビク
WINCE
I knew right away... that he would turn me down.
Oh...


I meant... pretend girlfriend!!
It's not like I *like* you or anything!!
Pretend?
Yes! You just need to get Himuro-san to like you, right?
...
Like
...
Pretending to Like
Operation: Pretend-Date Mami-the-Girl-You-Don't-Love to Understand Himuro-san's Feelings!
And I would be playing the part of Yukina-chan?
Mami will do everything she can think of to make your heart skip a beat, and if it works, you try it on Himuro-san!
I know I'm trying to play off that love confession... but seriously?
...I can't do that.
It feels more like an experiment than pretend.


You need to...
...have more respect for yourself.
SQUEEEE
きゅう
Mami will go out with you whenever you're ready!!
Ah!
DASH
He turned me down... but later, he said he'd like to go out, after all.
Hmmm...
I wonder if something happened to him.
It's great for Mami, because I get to be with him, but...
But my heart pounds out of my chest when I'm with Yukina-chan.
SIGH...
はぁ…
WHAM
Hurgh!


Mizuno-san, you're less like a girlfriend and more like...
Hnngh...
Oh! That dog! It reminds me of you!
ポメ〜♡
POMERRR
What?! It's cute...
It's so cute on the outside, but it looks evil deep down.
ドシュッ
SHOONK
Hello! May I pet her?
Go ahead.
Oh!
She's friendly.
なで
PET
Oh...
Lucky...


ペロ
LICK
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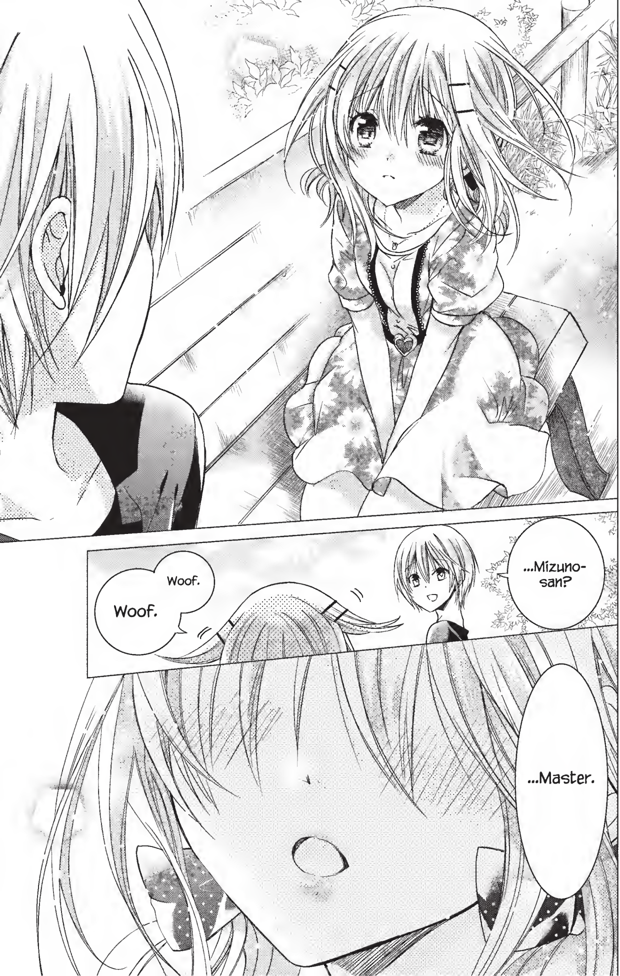
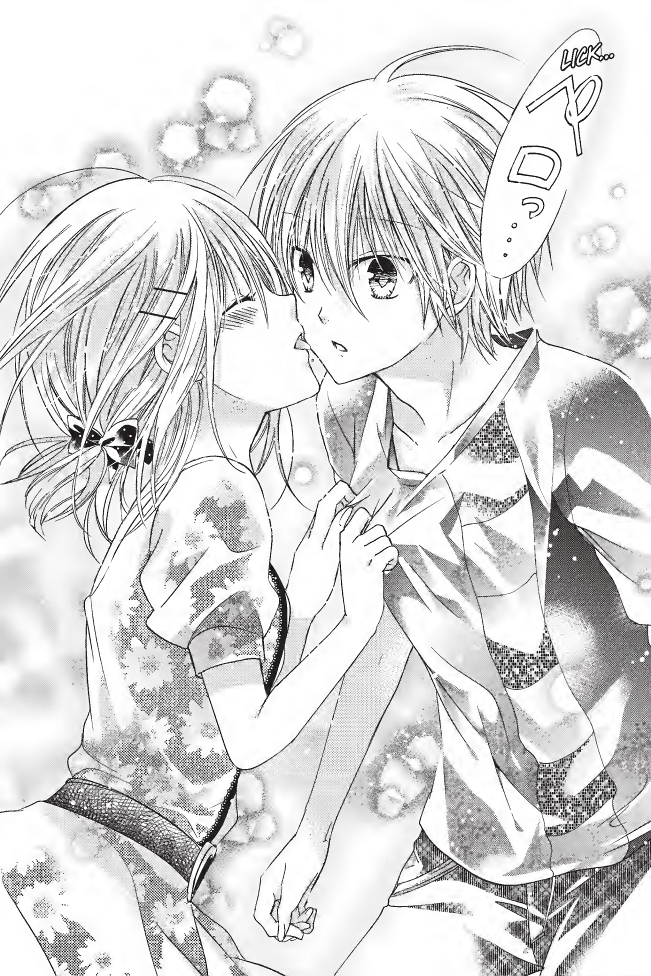
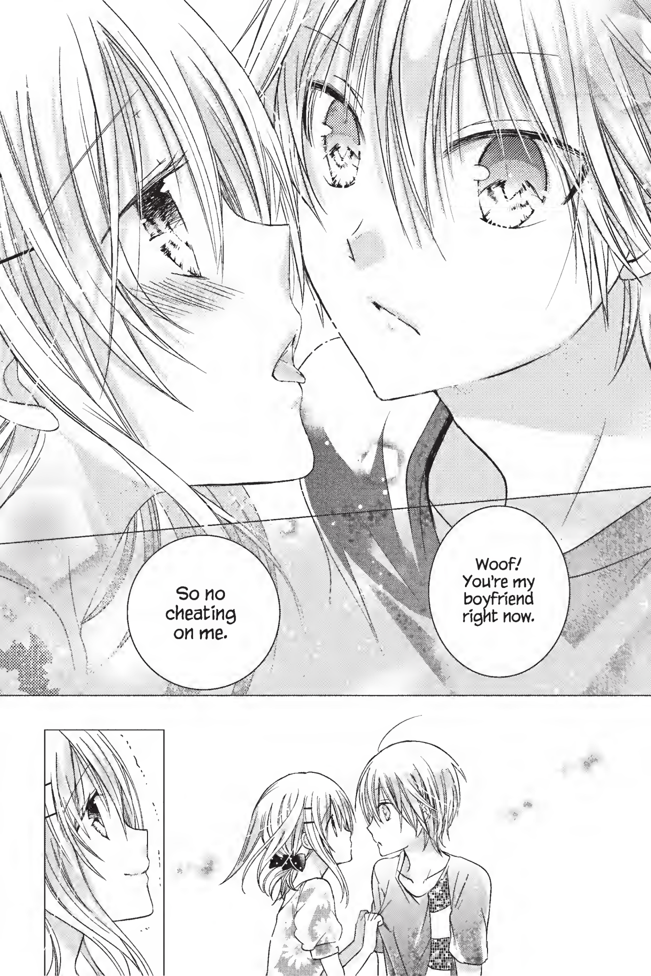
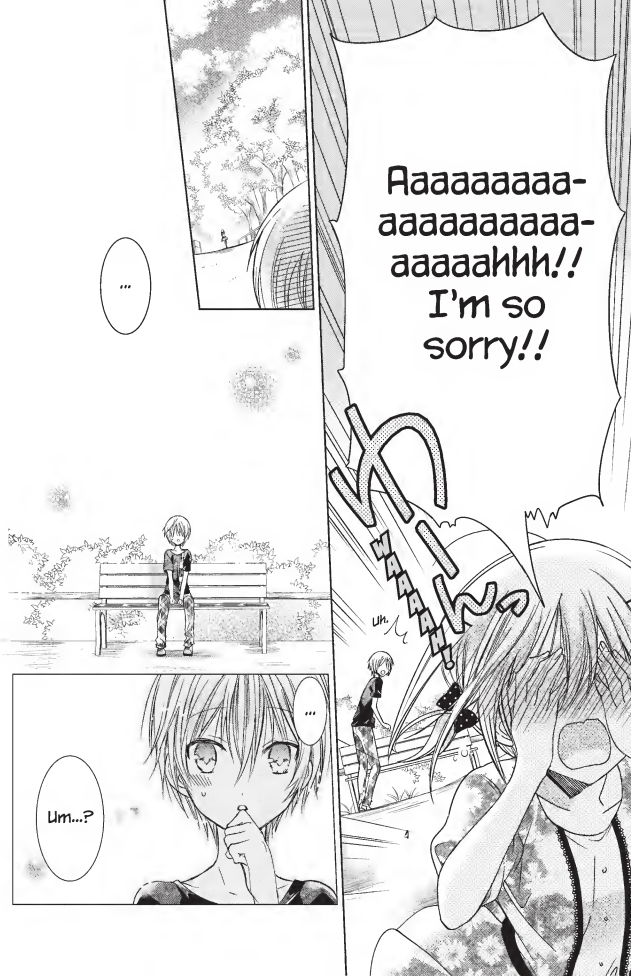
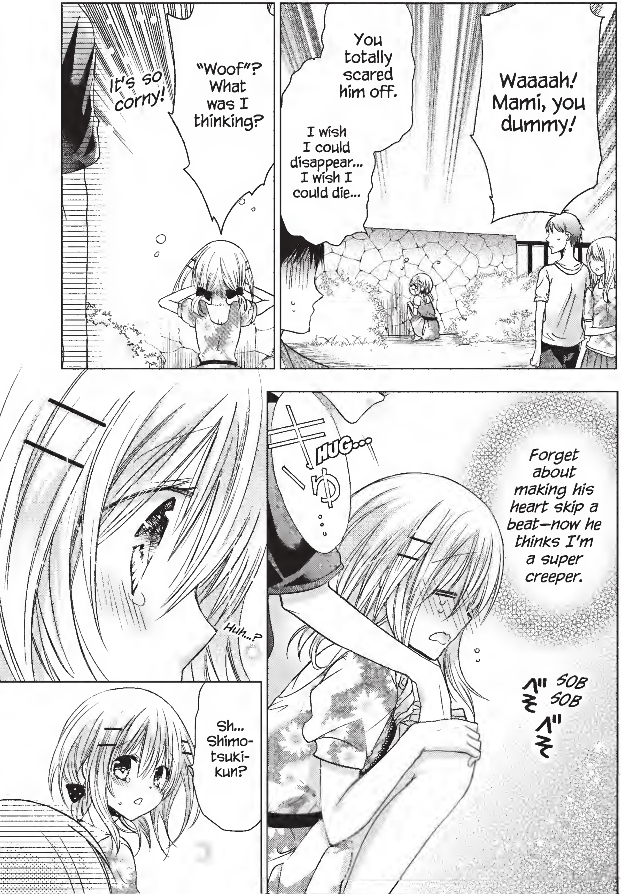
LICK
Ah ha ha! That tickles!
Wah...
Ah...
ペロ
LICK
No!!
Hey!!
I'm so sorry!!
Yay, ice cream!
Ohhh, it was because I had ice cream on my face.
Good thing it wasn't chocolate.
...Ruff.

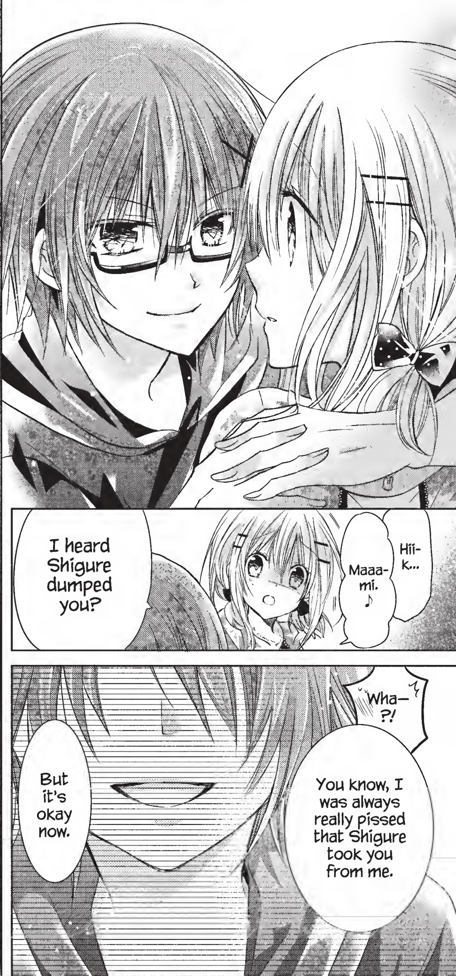

...Mizuno-san?
Woof. Woof.
...Master.

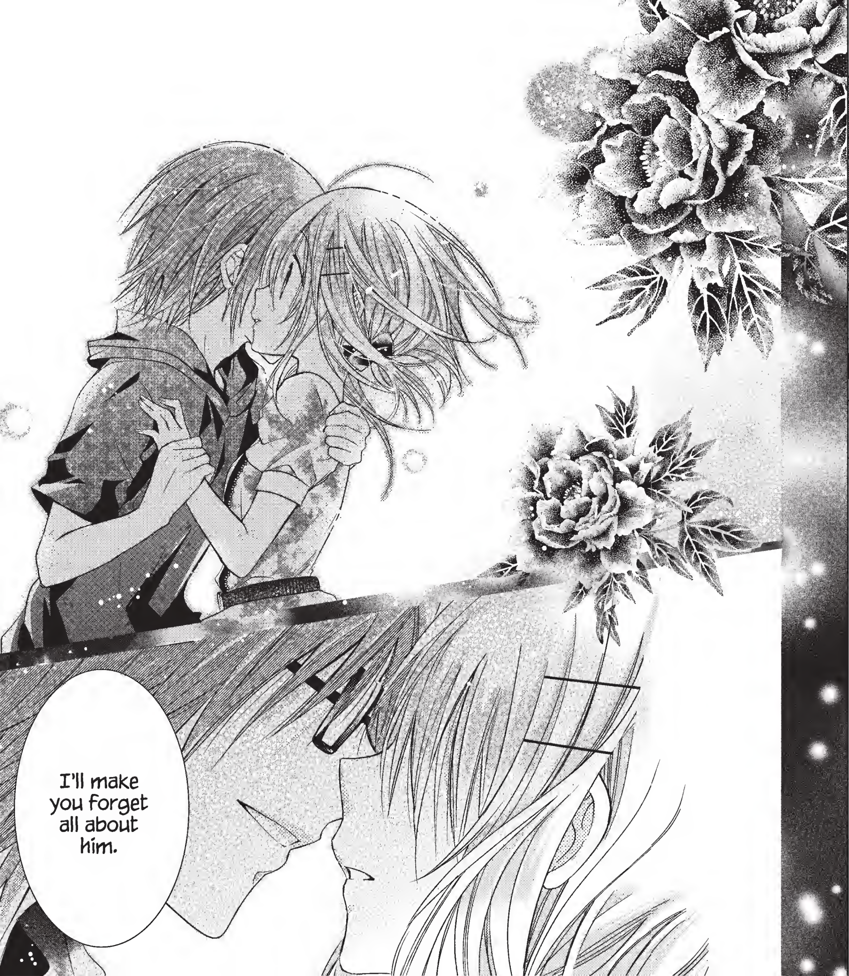

LICK...
ペロッ...


Woof! You're my boyfriend right now.
So no cheating on me.


Aaaaaaaaa-aaaaaaaaaaa-aaaaahhh!! I'm so sorry!!
WAAAAAH!
uh.
...
...
Um...?


Waaaah! Mami, you dummy!
You totally scared him off.
I wish I could disappear... I wish I could die...
"Woof"? What was I thinking?
It's so corny!
Forget about making his heart skip a beat—now he thinks I'm a super creeper.
HUG...
SOB SOB
Huh...?
Sh... Shimotsuki-kun?


Hii-k...
Maaa-mi. ♪
I heard Shigure dumped you?
Wha—?!
You know, I was always really pissed that Shigure took you from me.
But it's okay now.


I'll make you forget all about him.

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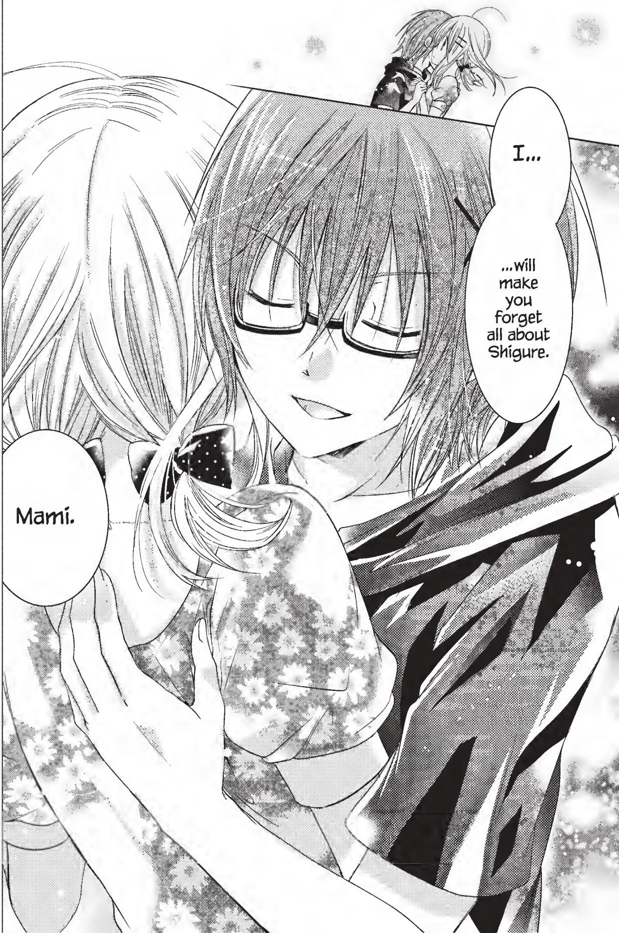
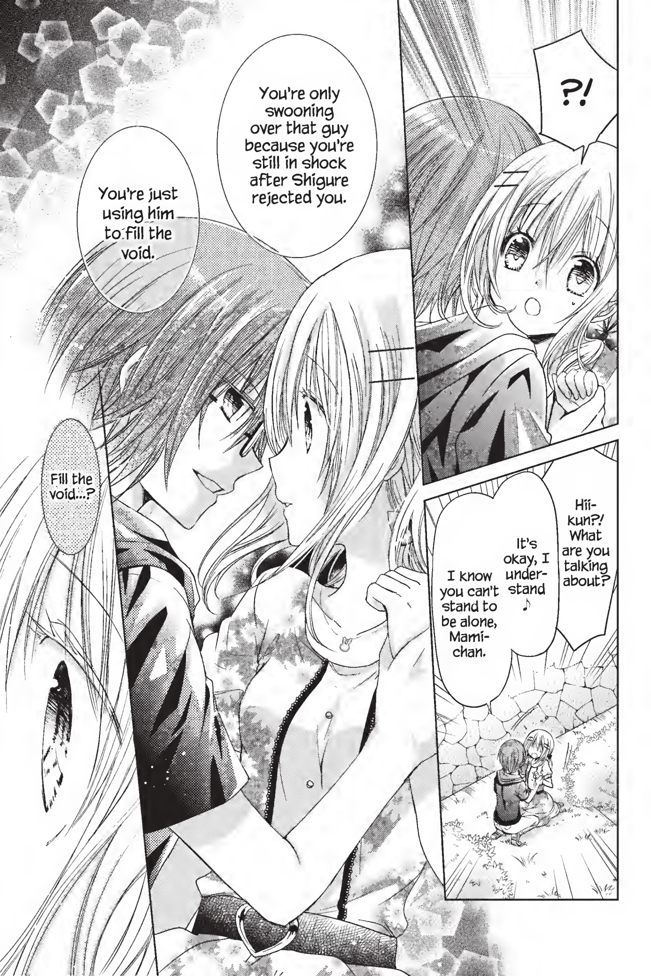
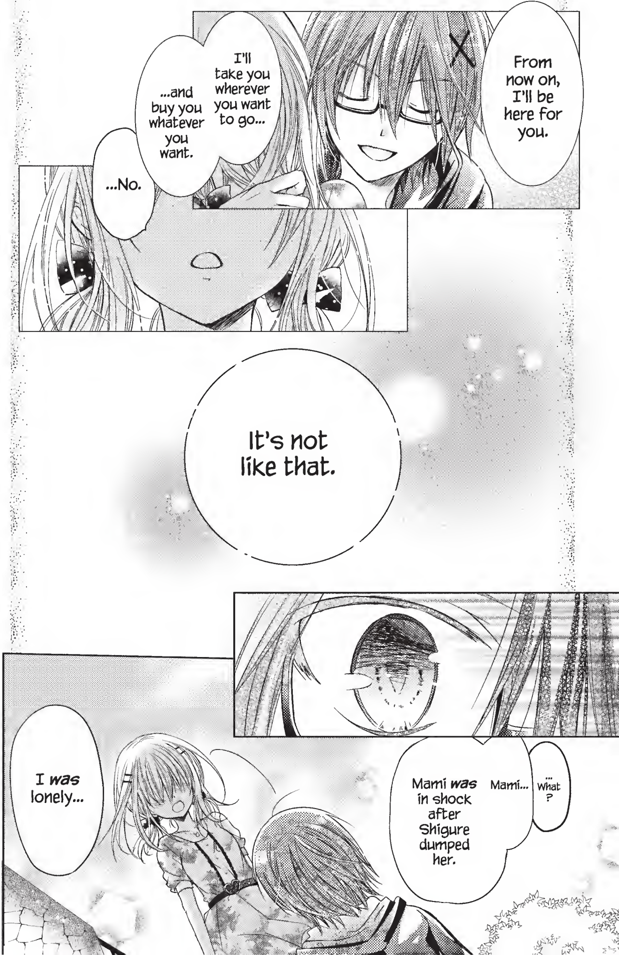
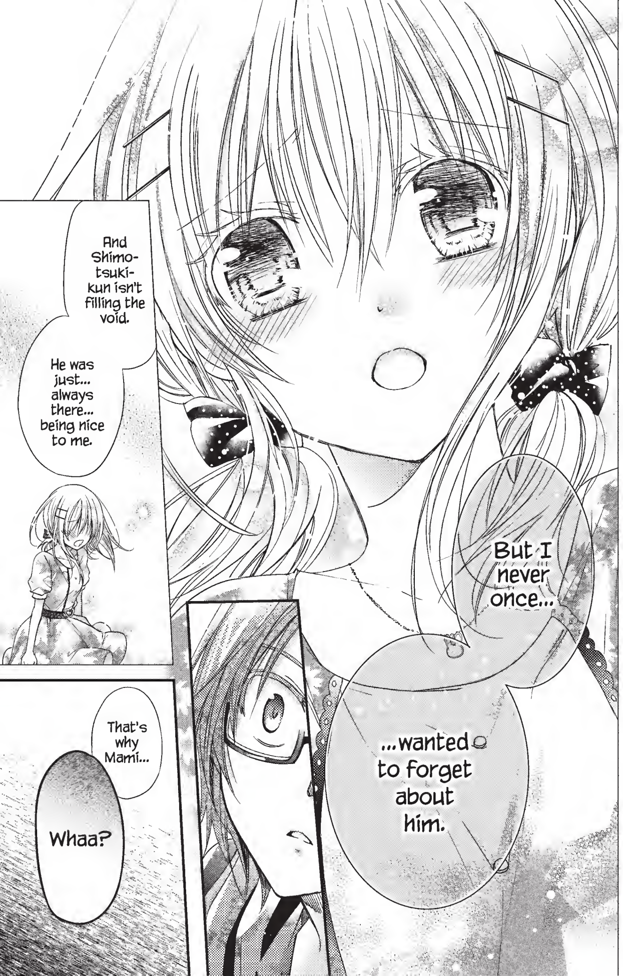
Dreams ↔ Reality

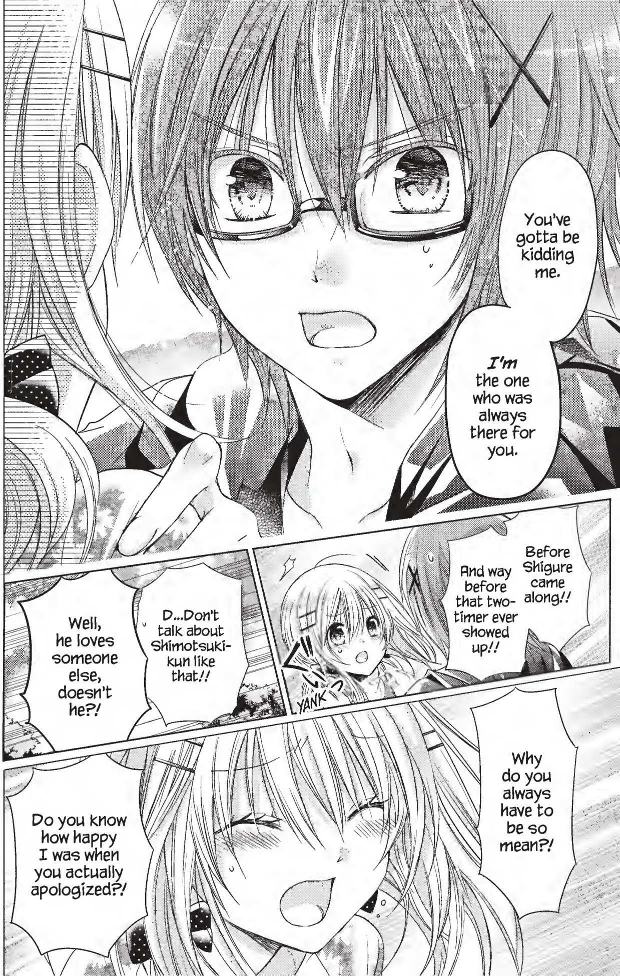
Missions of Love

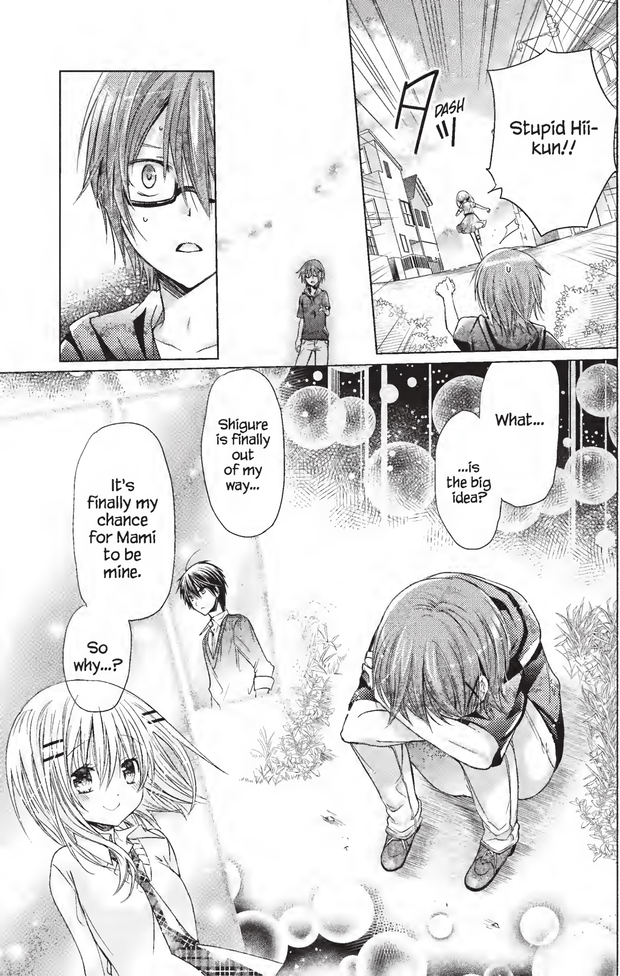

I...
...will make you forget all about Shigure.
Mami.

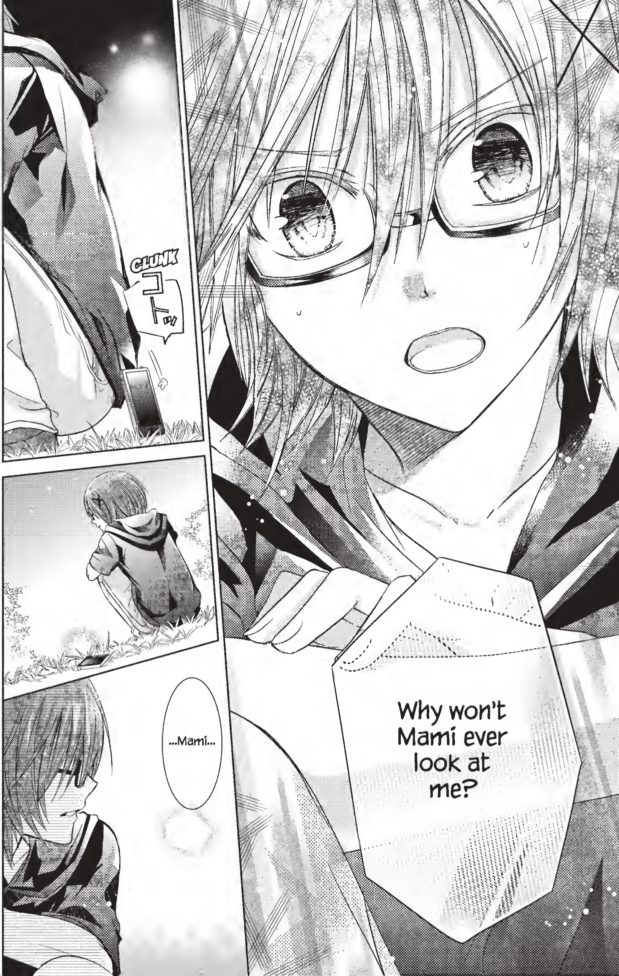

?!
Hii-kun?! What are you talking about?
It's okay, I understand ♪
I know you can't stand to be alone, Mami-chan.
You're only swooning over that guy because you're still in shock after Shigure rejected you.
You're just using him to fill the void.
Fill the void...?

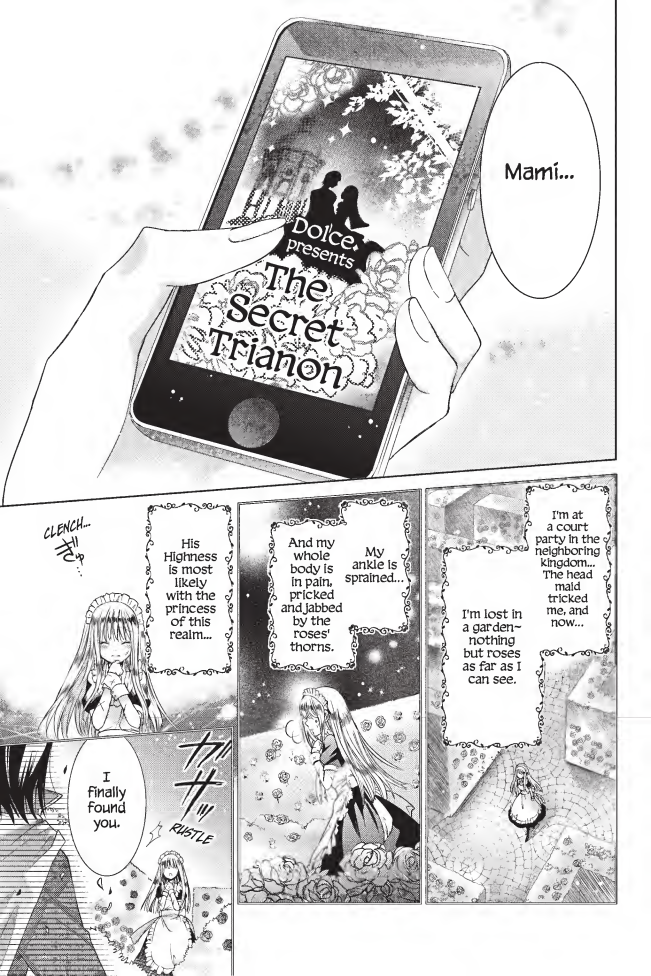

From now on, I'll be here for you.
I'll take you wherever you want to go...
...and buy you whatever you want.
...No.
It's not like that.
...What?
Mami...
Mami *was* in shock after Shigure dumped her.
I *was* lonely...

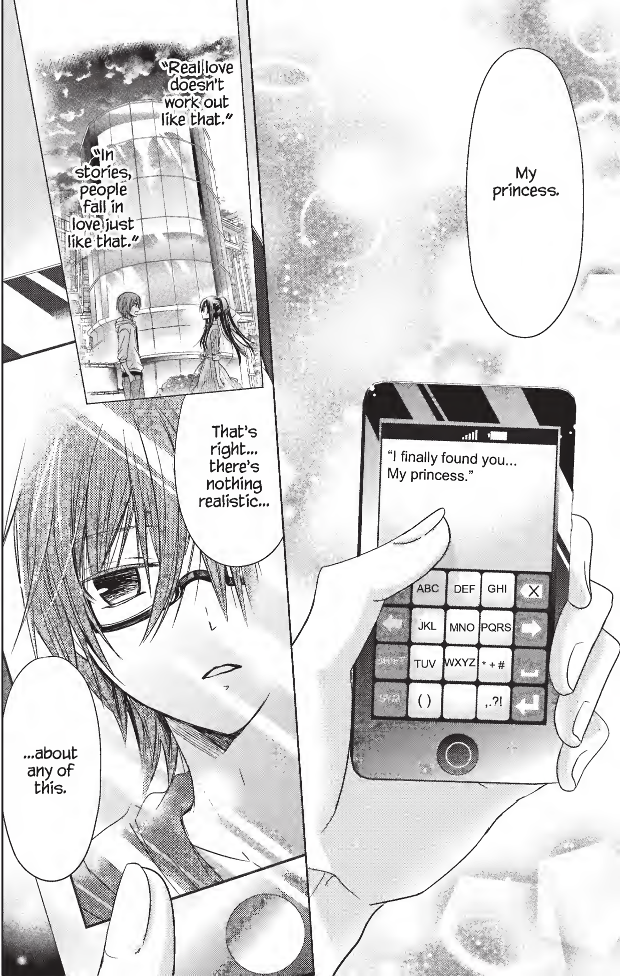

And Shimotsuki-kun isn't filling the void.
He was just... always there... being nice to me.
But I never once...
...wanted to forget about him.
That's why Mami...
Whaa?


You've gotta be kidding me.
I'm the one who was always there for you.
Before Shigure came along!!
And way before that two-timer ever showed up!!
YANK
D...Don't talk about Shimotsuki-kun like that!!
Well, he loves someone else, doesn't he?!
Why do you always have to be so mean?!
Do you know how happy I was when you actually apologized?!

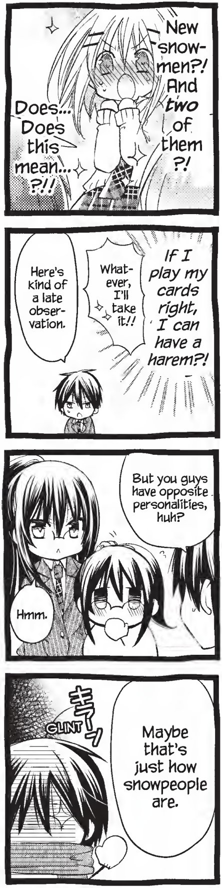

DASH
Stupid Hii-kun!!
What...
...is the big idea?
Shigure is finally out of my way...
It's finally my chance for Mami to be mine.
So why...?


Why won't Mami ever look at me?
CLUNK
コトッ
...Mami...

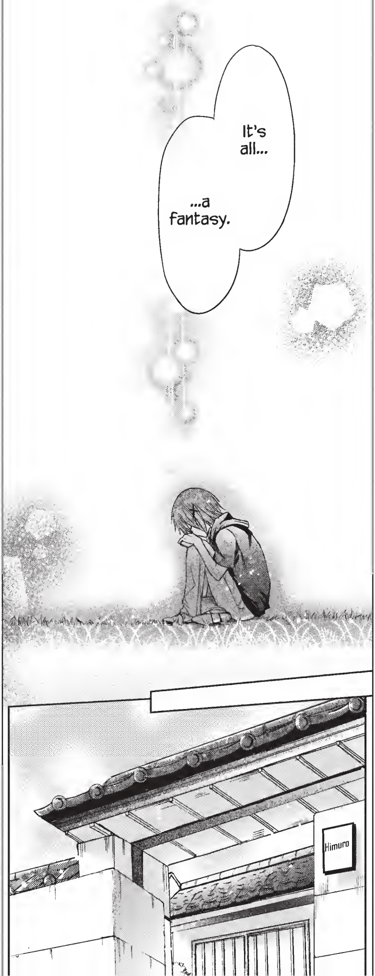

Mami...
Dolce. presents
The Secret Trianon
I'm at a court party in the neighboring kingdom... The head maid tricked me, and now...
I'm lost in a garden~ nothing but roses as far as I can see.
My ankle is sprained...
And my whole body is in pain, pricked and jabbed by the roses' thorns.
His Highness is most likely with the princess of this realm...
CLENCH...
ぎゅ...
ガサ!!
RUSTLE
I finally found you.

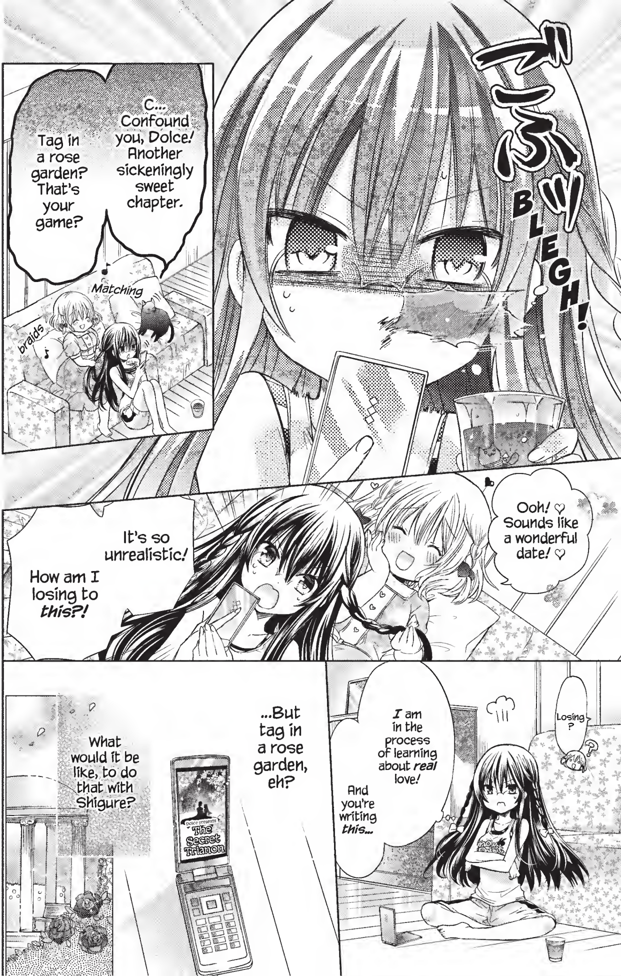

My princess.
"Real love doesn't work out like that."
"In stories, people fall in love just like that."
"I finally found you... My princess."
That's right... there's nothing realistic...
...about any of this.

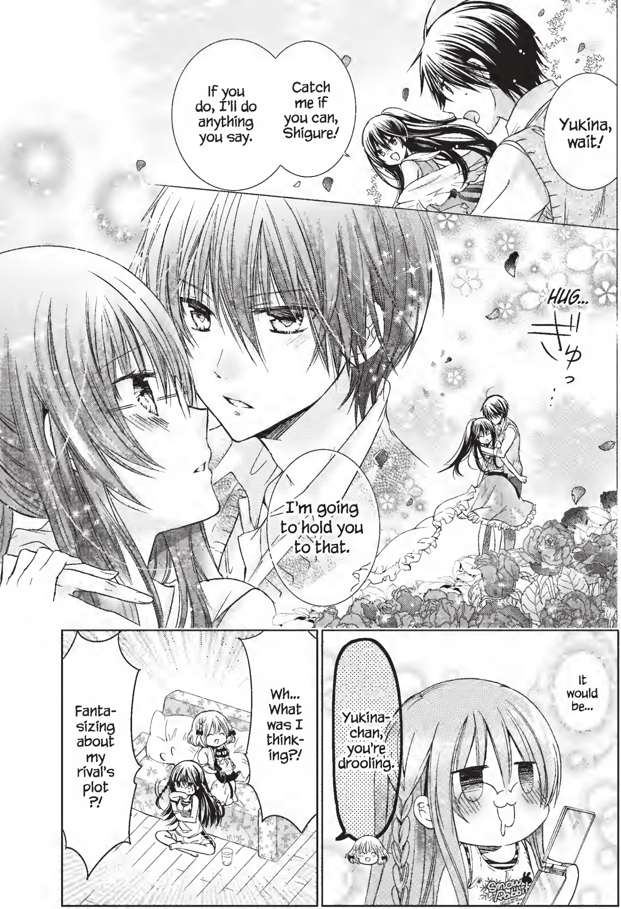
Mami's Melancholy Part 4

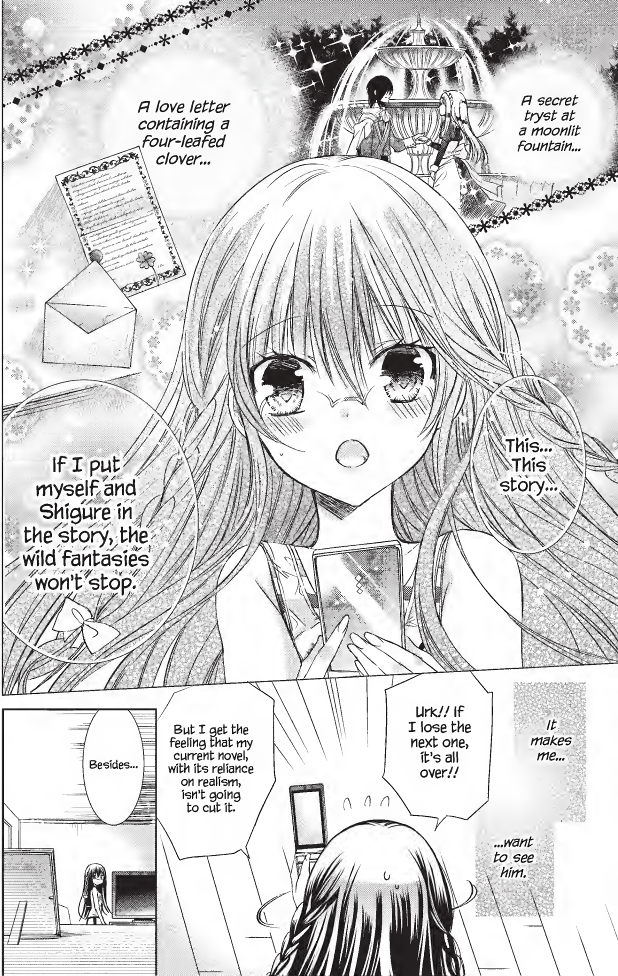

New snowmen?! And *two* of them?!
Does... Does this mean...?!!
If I play my cards right, I can have a harem?!
Whatever, I'll take it!!
Here's kind of a late observation.
But you guys have opposite personalities, huh?
Hmm.
キラーン
GLINT
Maybe that's just how snowpeople are.

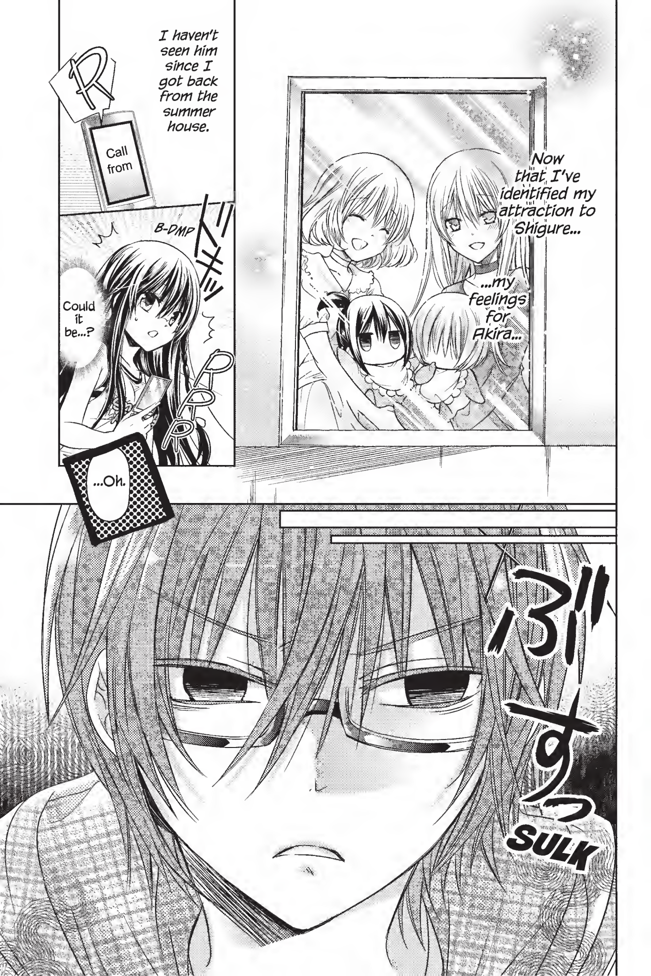
To be continued.

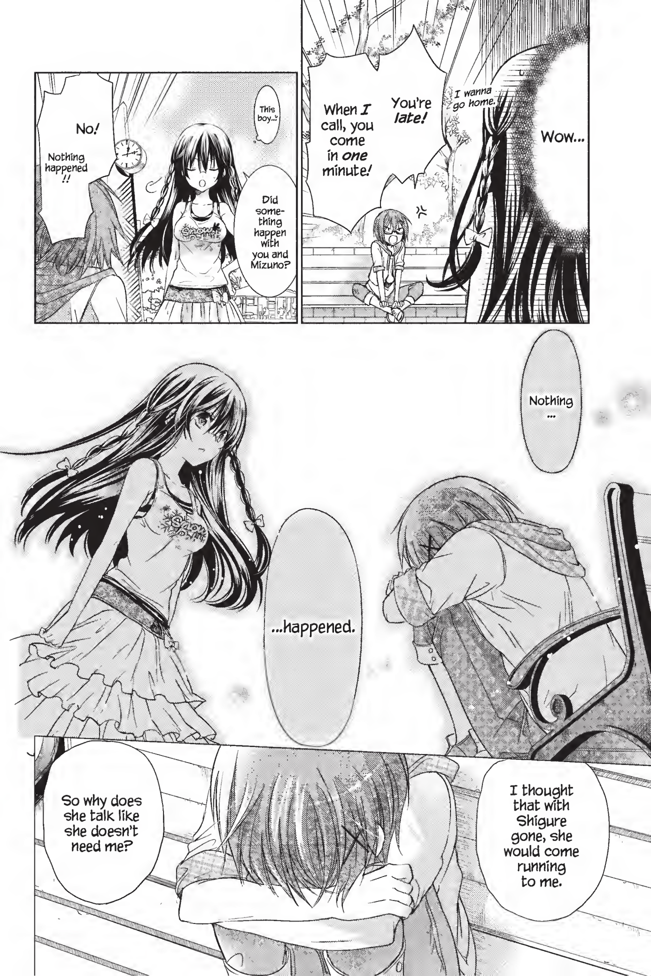

It's all...
...a fantasy.
Himuro

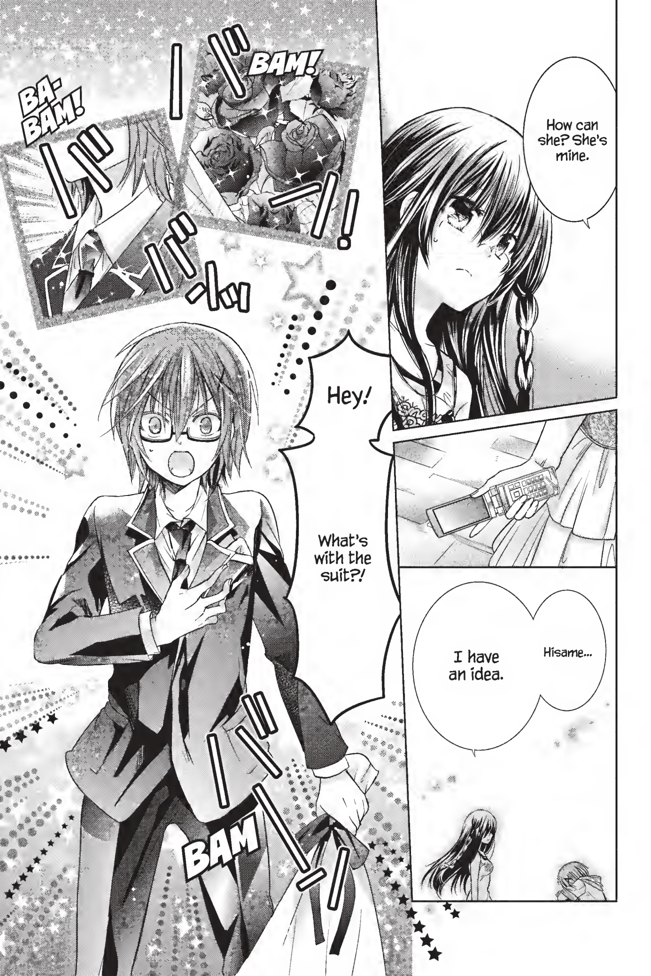

ごふッ
BLEGH!
C... Confound you, Dolce! Another sickeningly sweet chapter.
Tag in a rose garden? That's your game?
Matching
braids
Ooh! ♡ Sounds like a wonderful date! ♡
It's so unrealistic!
How am I losing to *this?!*
Losing?
I am in the process of learning about *real* love!
And you're writing *this...*
...But tag in a rose garden, eh?
Dolce presents The Secret Trianon
What would it be like, to do that with Shigure?

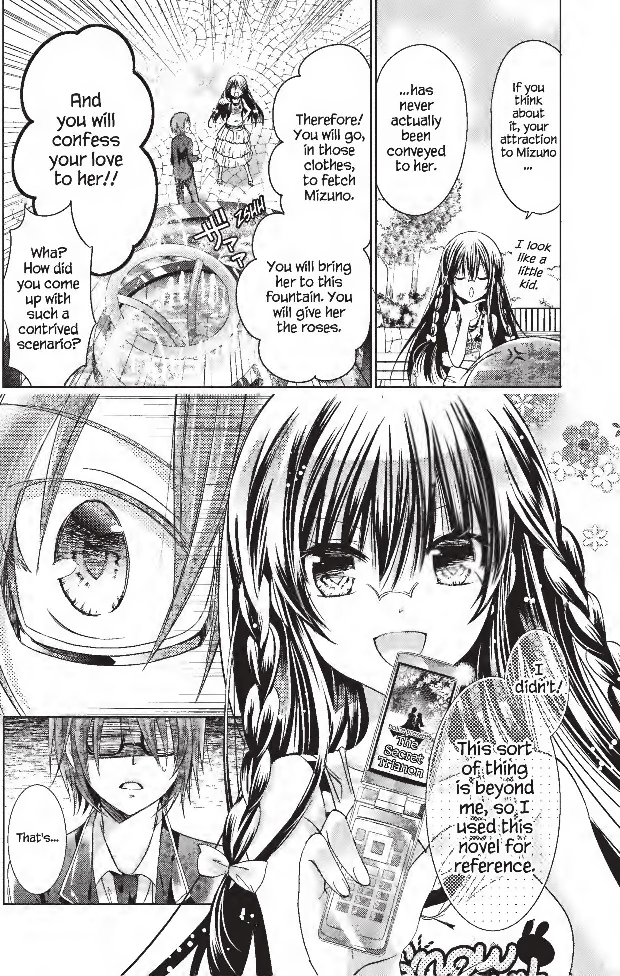

Yukina, wait!
Catch me if you can, Shigure!
If you do, I'll do anything you say.
HUG...
ぎゅっ…
I'm going to hold you to that.
It would be...
Yukina-chan, you're drooling.
Snow Rabbit
Wh... What was I thinking?!
Fantasizing about my rival's plot?!

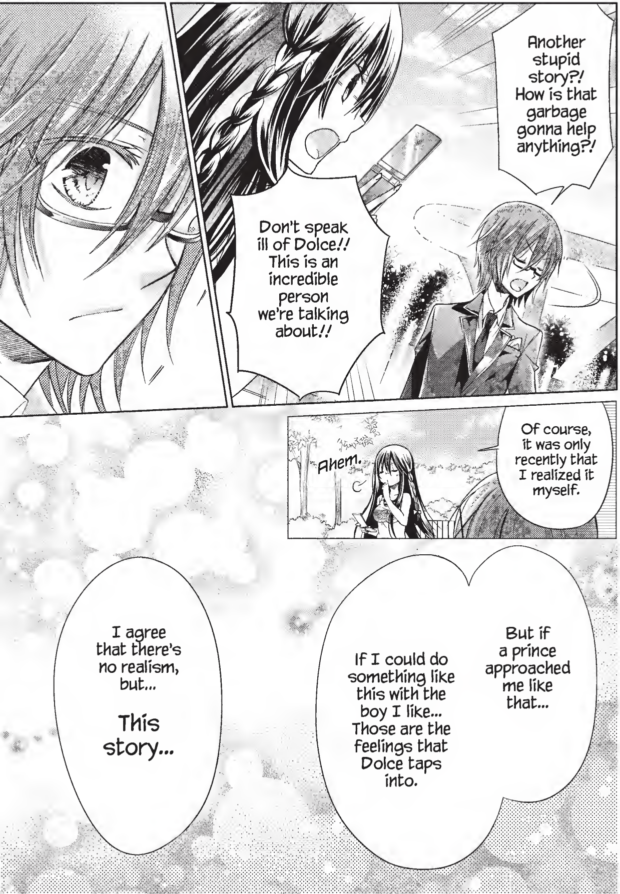

A secret tryst at a moonlit fountain...
A love letter containing a four-leafed clover...
This... This story...
If I put myself and Shigure in the story, the wild fantasies won't stop.
It makes me...
...want to see him.
Urk!! If I lose the next one, it's all over!!
But I get the feeling that my current novel, with its reliance on realism, isn't going to cut it.
Besides...

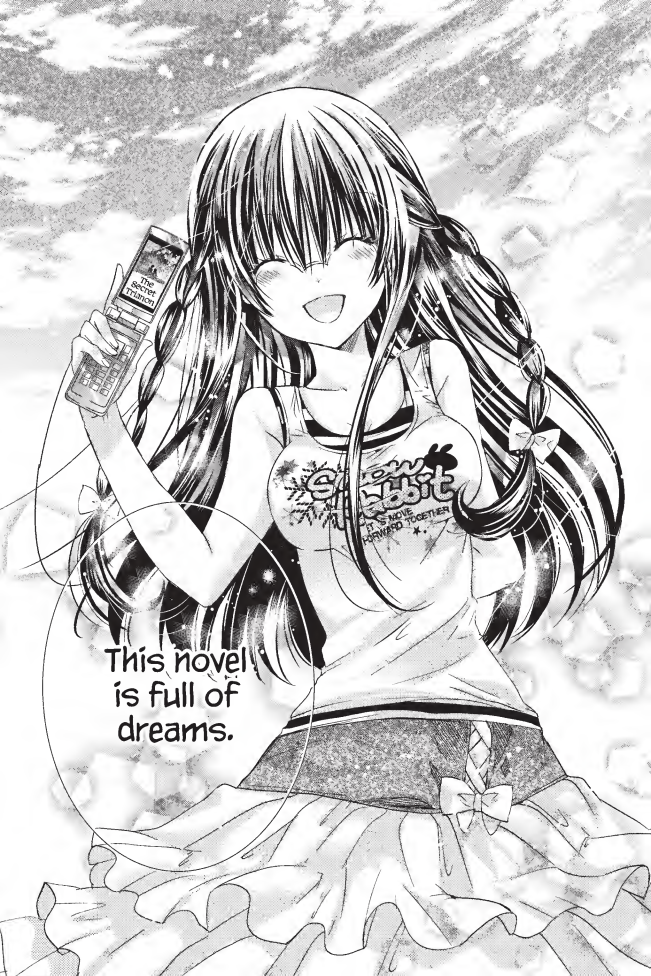

Now that I've identified my attraction to Shigure...
...my feelings for Akira...
I haven't seen him since I got back from the summer house.
R
Call from
B-DMP
ドキッ
Could it be...?
RRRR
...Oh.
ぶすっ
SULK

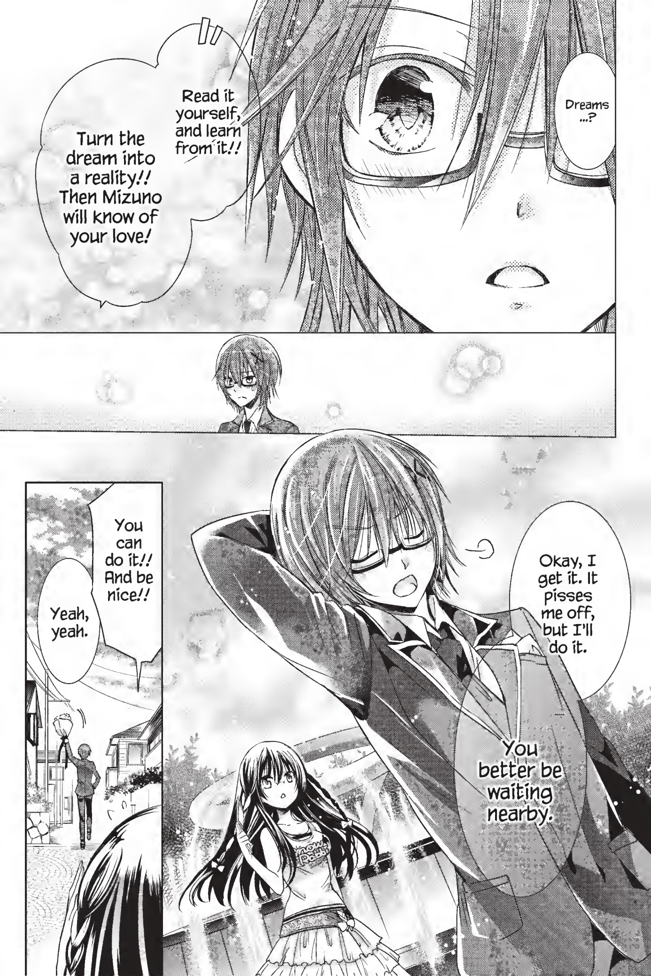

Wow...
I wanna go home.
You're *late!*
When *I* call, you come in *one* minute!
Did something happen with you and Mizuno?
This boy...
No! Nothing happened!!
Nothing ...
...happened.
I thought that with Shigure gone, she would come running to me.
So why does she talk like she doesn't need me?

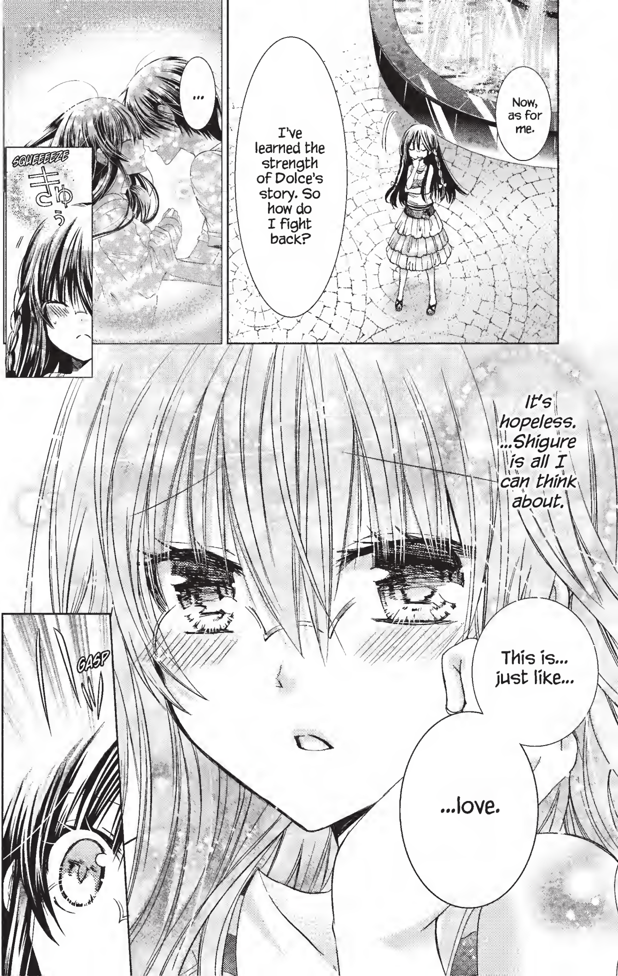

How can she? She's mine.
Hisame...
I have an idea.
BAM!
BA-BAM!
Hey!
What's with the suit?!
BAM

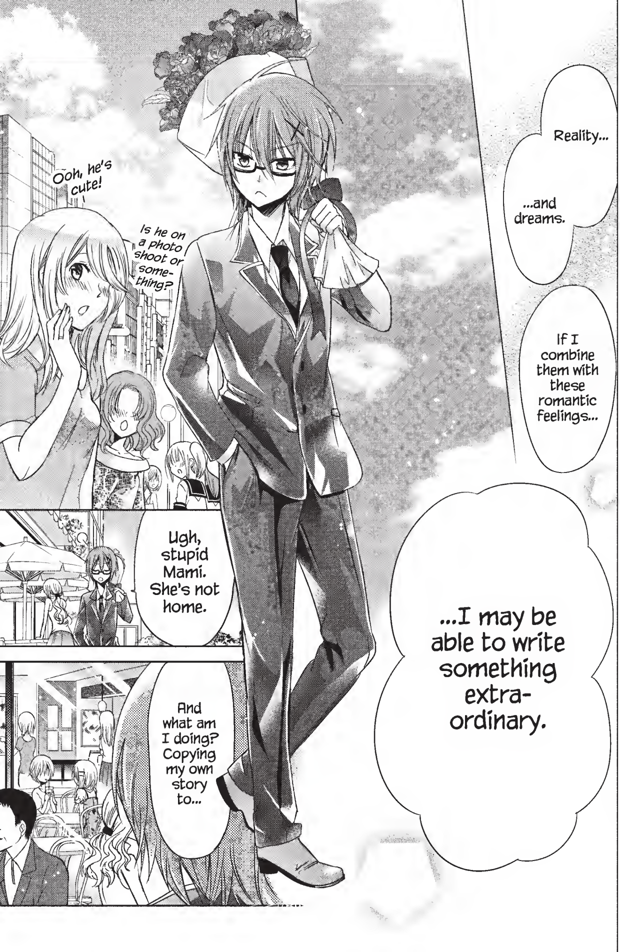

If you think about it, your attraction to Mizuno ...
...has never actually been conveyed to her.
I look like a little kid.
Therefore! You will go, in those clothes, to fetch Mizuno.
You will bring her to this fountain. You will give her the roses.
ザァァ ZSHH
And you will confess your love to her!!
Wha? How did you come up with such a contrived scenario?
I didn't!
This sort of thing is beyond me, so I used this novel for reference.
Dolce presents The Secret Trianon
That's...

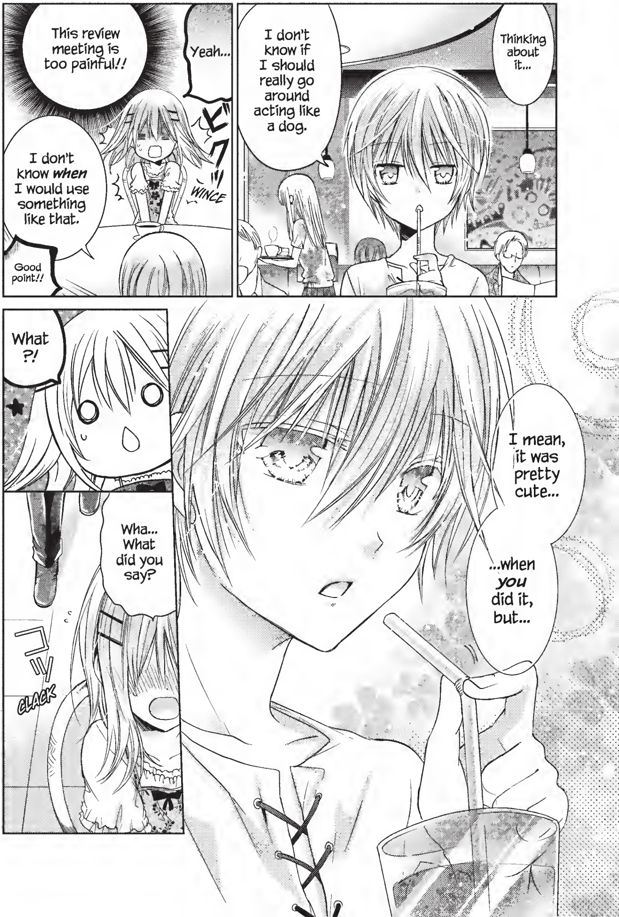

Another stupid story?! How is that garbage gonna help anything?!
Don't speak ill of Dolce!! This is an incredible person we're talking about!!
Of course, it was only recently that I realized it myself.
Ahem.
But if a prince approached me like that...
If I could do something like this with the boy I like... Those are the feelings that Dolce taps into.
I agree that there's no realism, but...
This story...

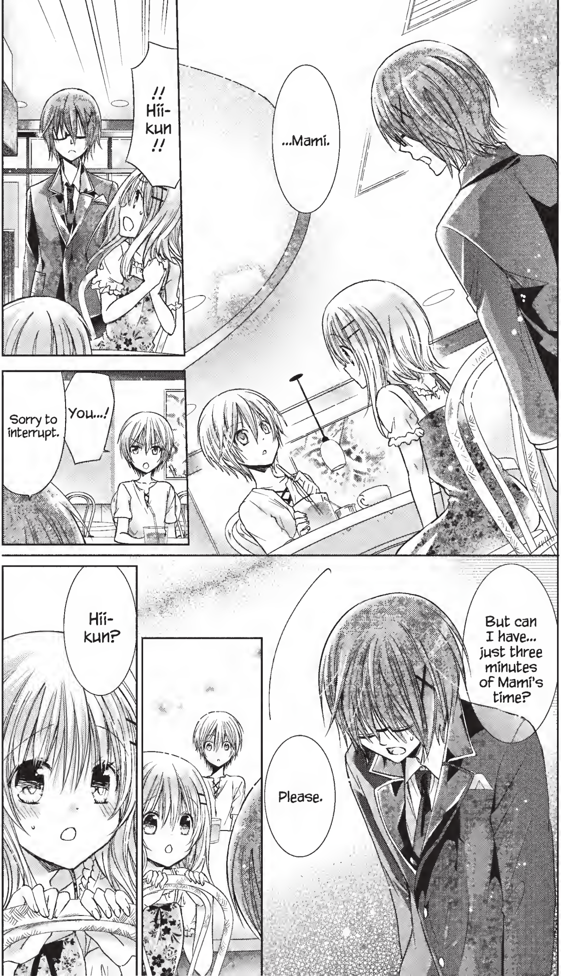

The Secret Trianon
Snow Rabbit
LET'S MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER
This novel is full of dreams.

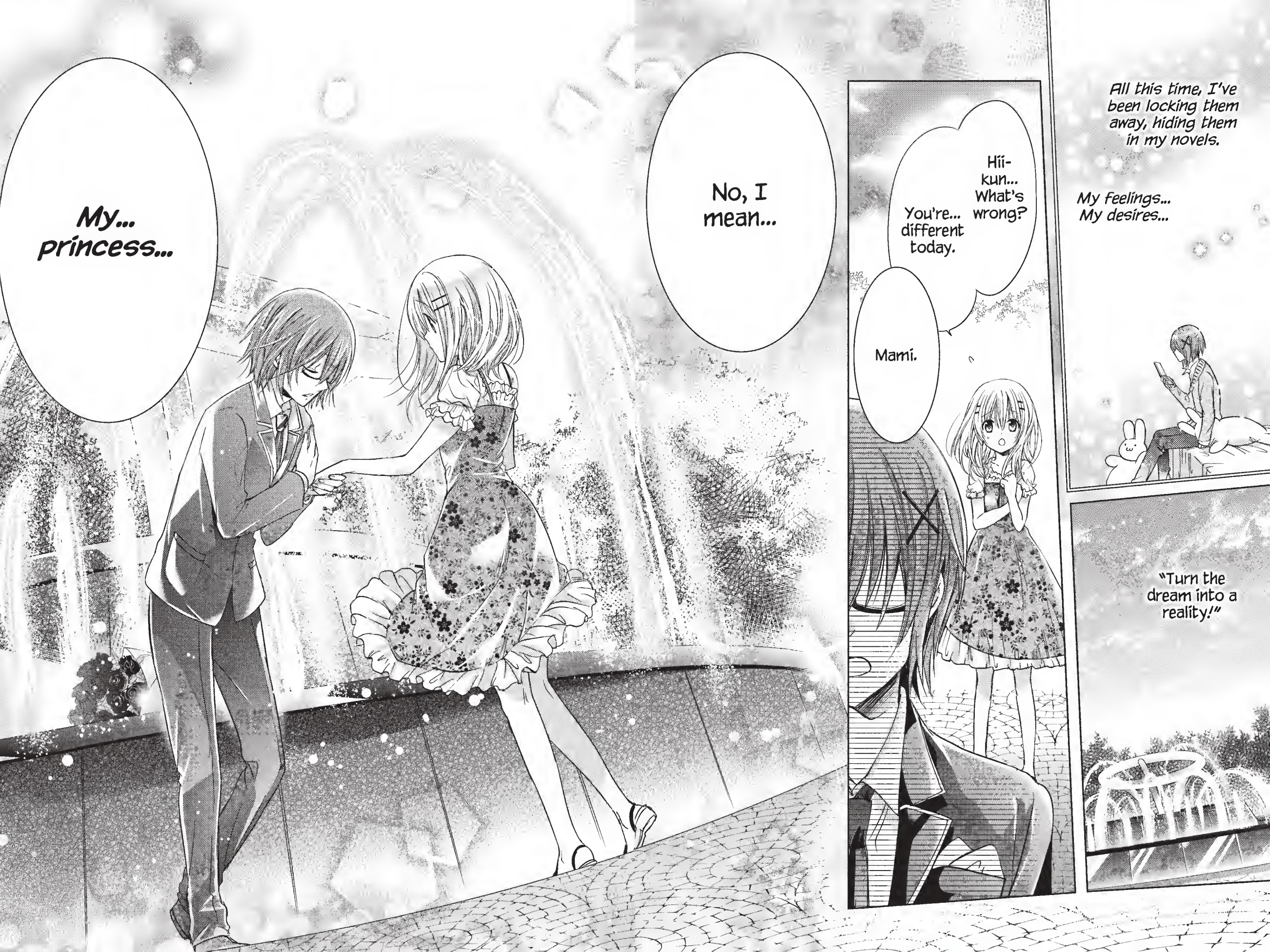

Dreams ...?
Read it yourself, and learn from it!!
Turn the dream into a reality!! Then Mizuno will know of your love!
Okay, I get it. It pisses me off, but I'll do it.
You better be waiting nearby.
You can do it!! And be nice!!
Yeah, yeah.

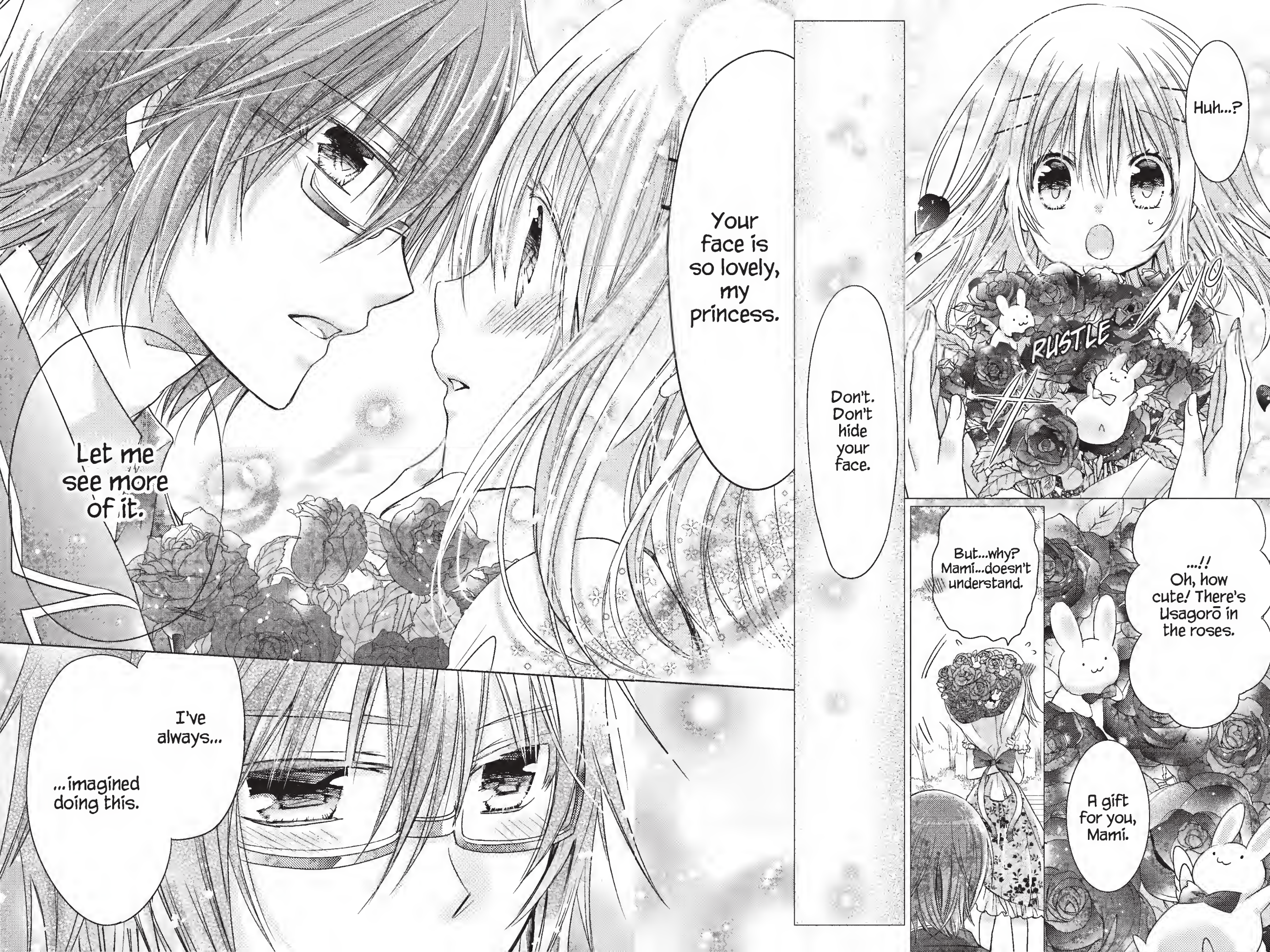

Now, as for me.
I've learned the strength of Dolce's story. So how do I fight back?
...
SQUEEEEZE
きゅう
It's hopeless. ...Shigure is all I can think about.
This is... just like...
...love.
GASP

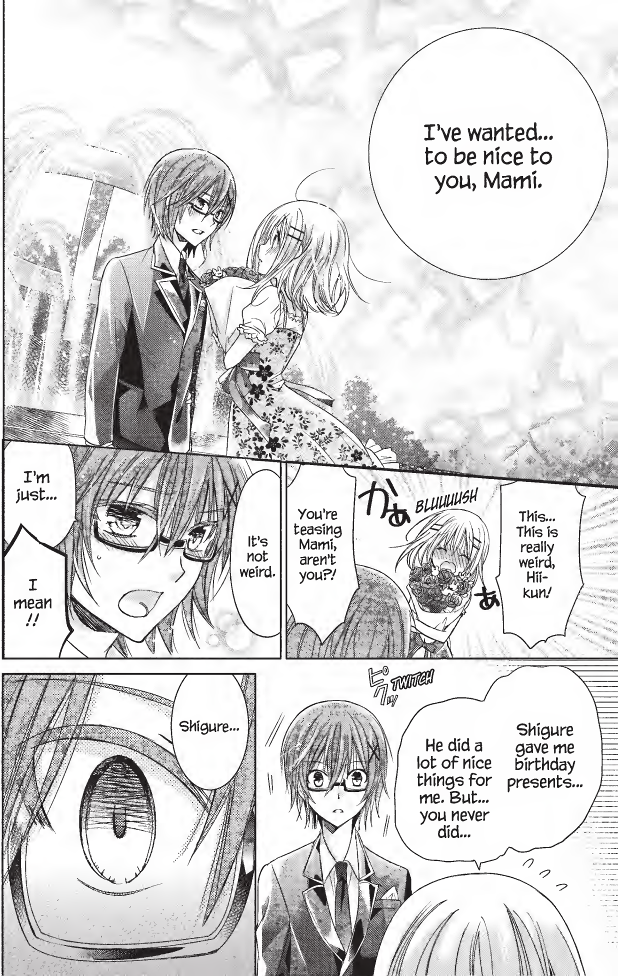

Reality...
...and dreams.
Ooh, he's cute!
Is he on a photo shoot or something?
Ugh, stupid Mami. She's not home.
And what am I doing? Copying my own story to...
If I combine them with these romantic feelings...
...I may be able to write something extraordinary.

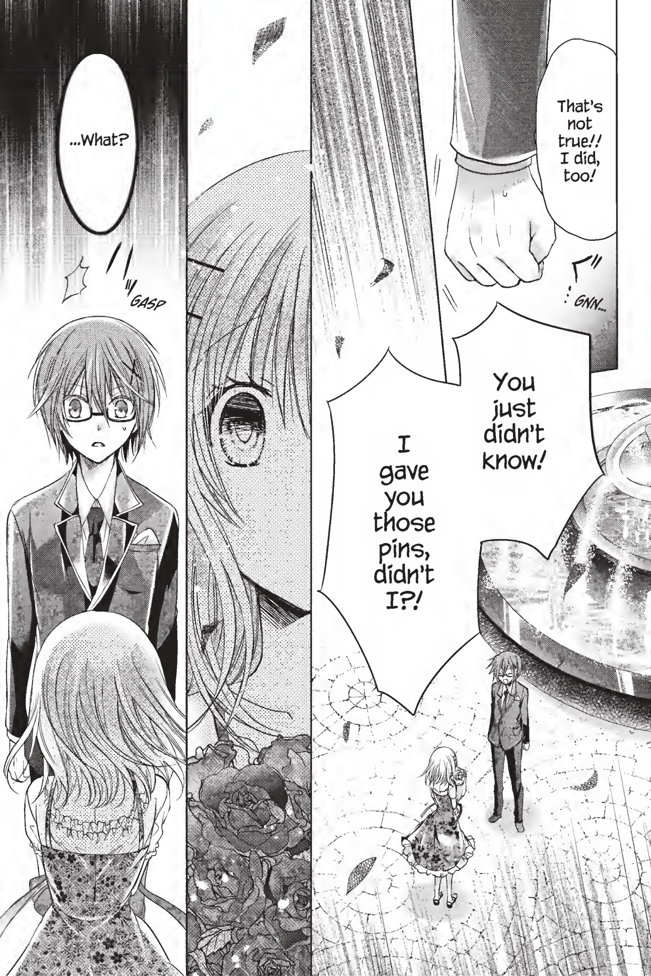

Thinking about it...
I don't know if I should really go around acting like a dog.
Yeah...
This review meeting is too painful!!
ビクッ
WINCE
I don't know *when* I would use something like that.
Good point!!
I mean, it was pretty cute...
...when *you* did it, but...
What?!
Wha... What did you say?
CLACK

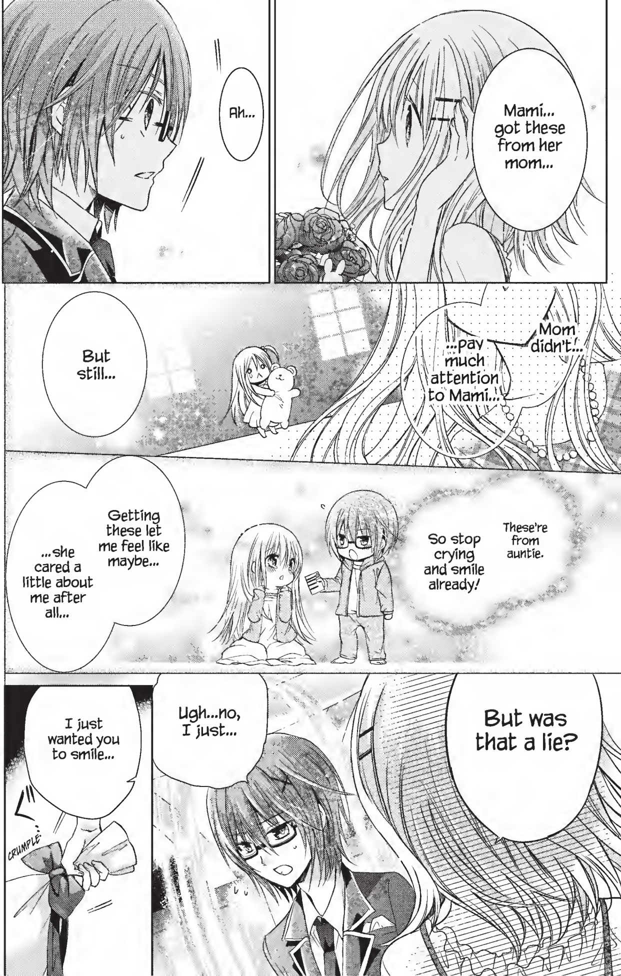

...Mami.
!! Hii-kun !!
You...!
Sorry to interrupt.
But can I have... just three minutes of Mami's time?
Please.
Hii-kun?

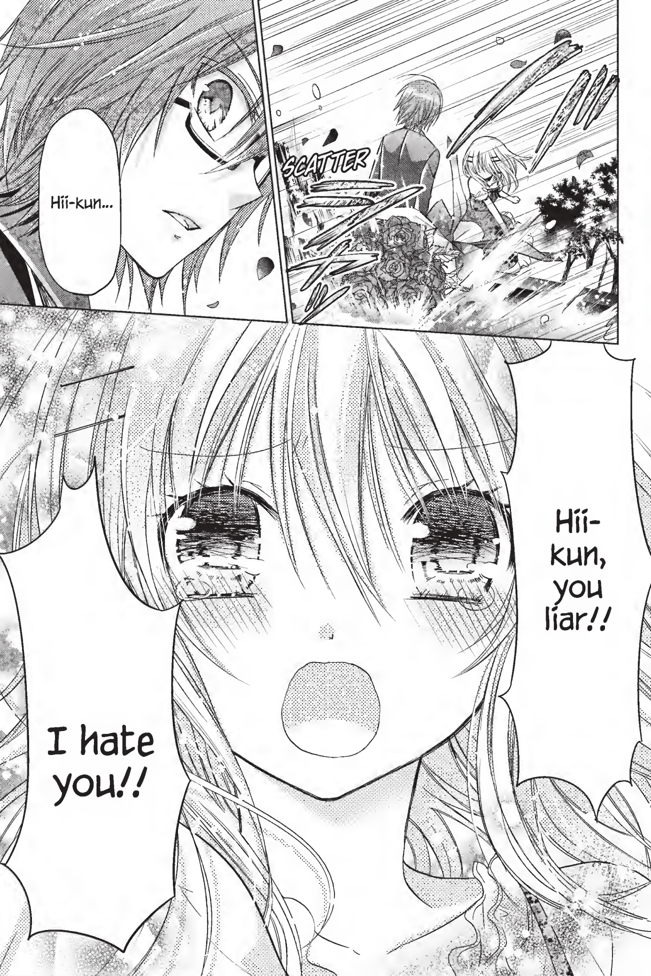

All this time, I've been locking them away, hiding them in my novels.
My feelings... My desires...
"Turn the dream into a reality!"
Hii-kun... What's wrong?
You're... different today.
Mami.
No, I mean...
My... princess...

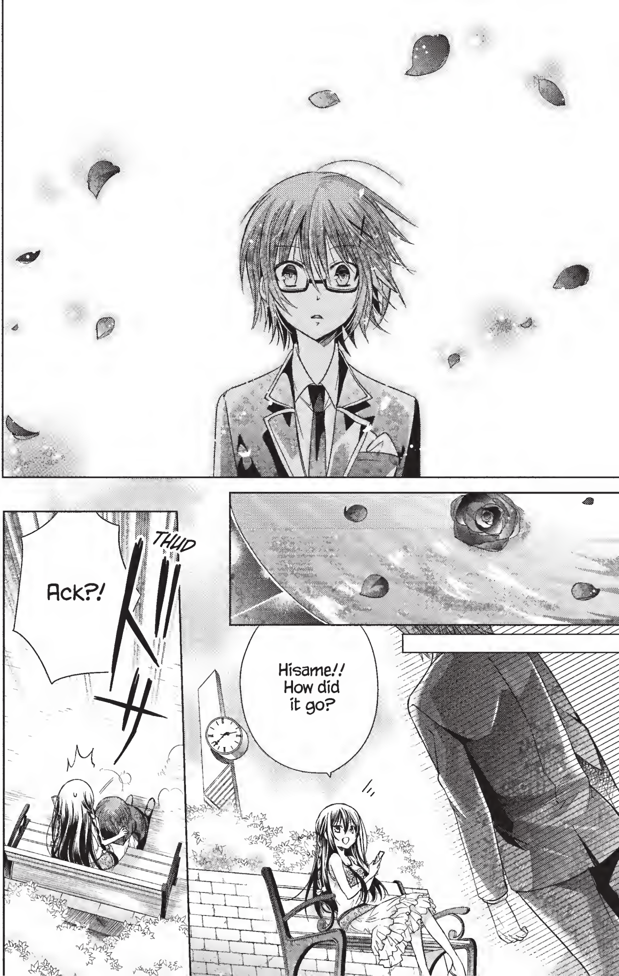

Huh...?
RUSTLE
...!! Oh, how cute! There's Usagorō in the roses.
A gift for you, Mami.
But...why? Mami...doesn't understand.
Don't. Don't hide your face.
Your face is so lovely, my princess.
Let me see more of it.
I've always...
...imagined doing this.

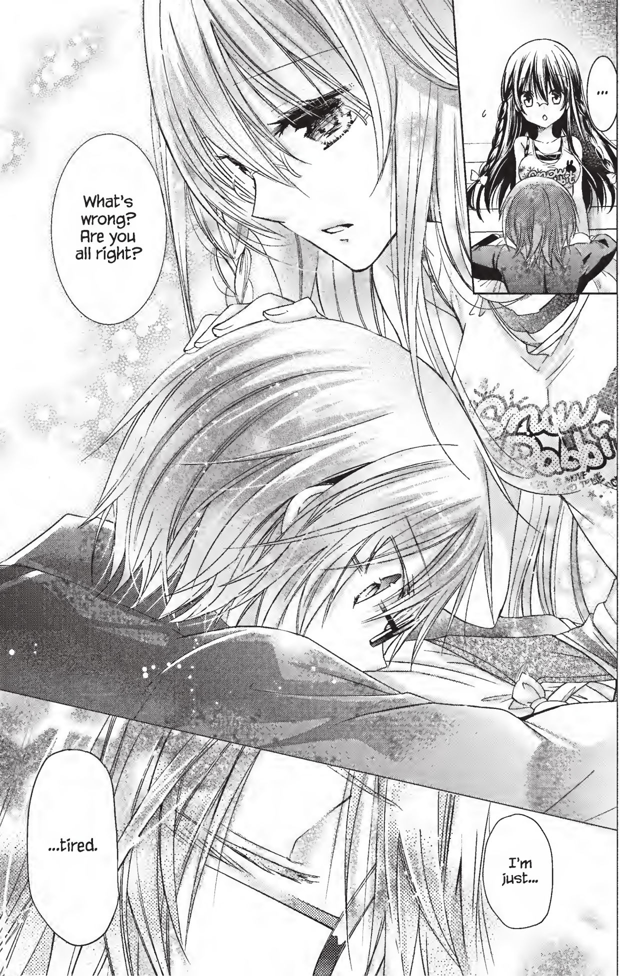

I've wanted... to be nice to you, Mami.
This... This is really weird, Hii-kun!
かあ BLUUUUSH
You're teasing Mami, aren't you?!
It's not weird.
I'm just...
I mean!!
Shigure gave me birthday presents...
He did a lot of nice things for me. But... you never did...
ピクッ TWITCH
Shigure...

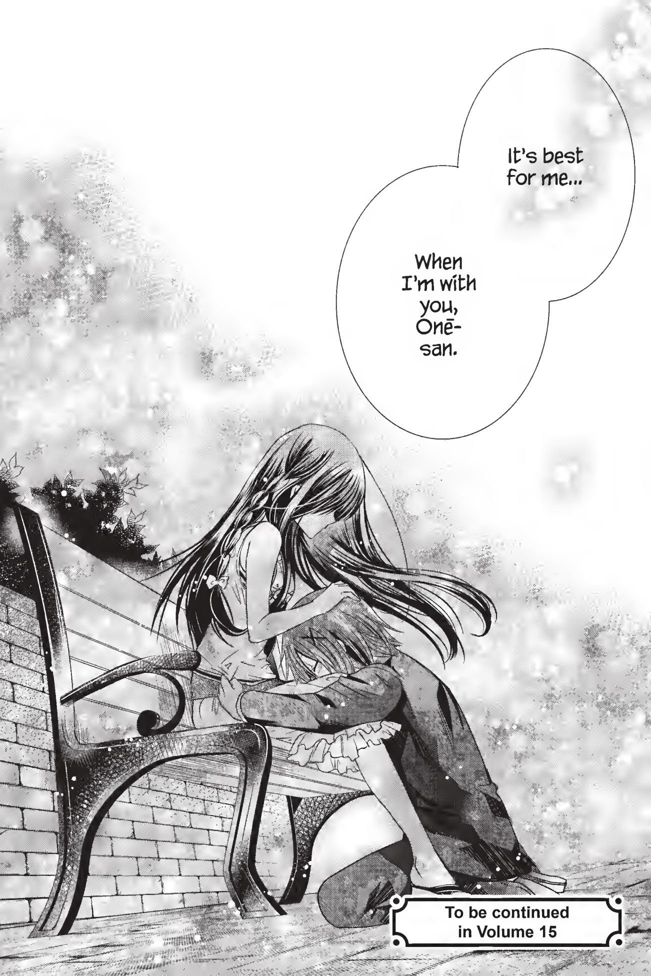

That's not true!! I did, too!
GNN...
You just didn't know!
I gave you those pins, didn't I?!
...What?
GASP


Mami... got these from her mom...
Ah...
Mom didn't...
...pay much attention to Mami...
But still...
These're from auntie.
So stop crying and smile already!
Getting these let me feel like maybe...
...she cared a little about me after all...
But was that a lie?
Ugh...no, I just...
I just wanted you to smile...
CRUMPLE


SCATTER
Hii-kun...
Hii-kun, you liar!!
I hate you!!


Hisame!! How did it go?
Ack?!
THUD


...
What's wrong? Are you all right?
I'm just...
...tired.


It's best for me...
When I'm with you, Onē-san.

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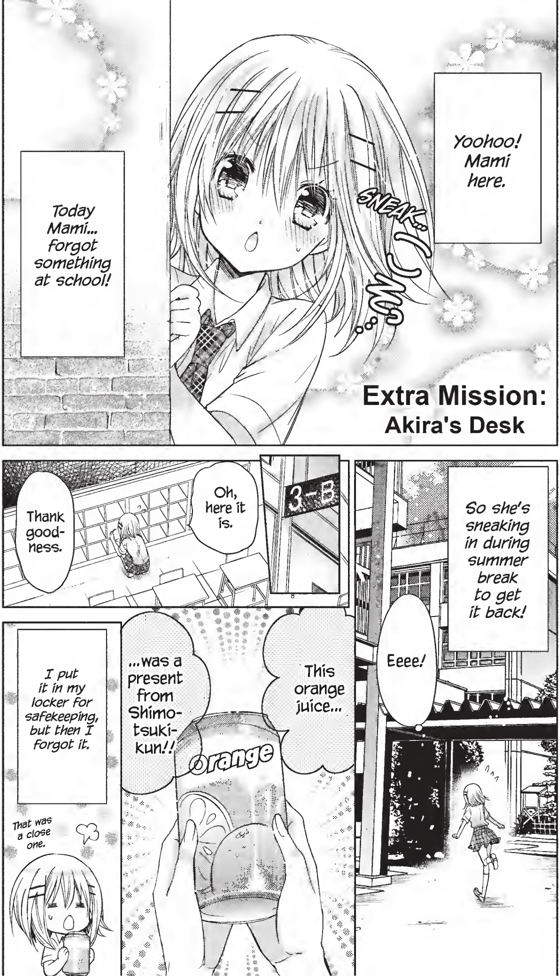
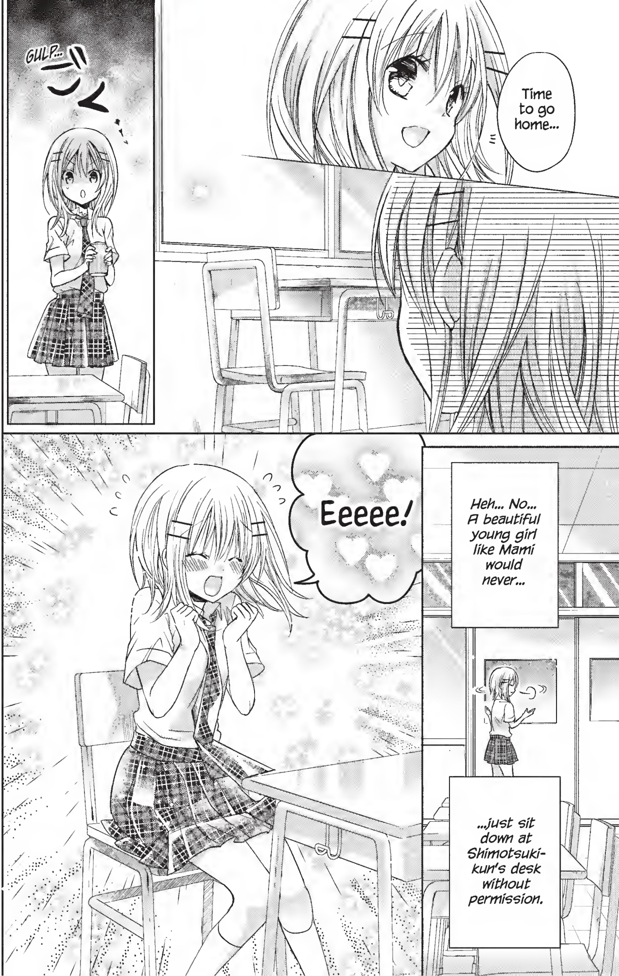
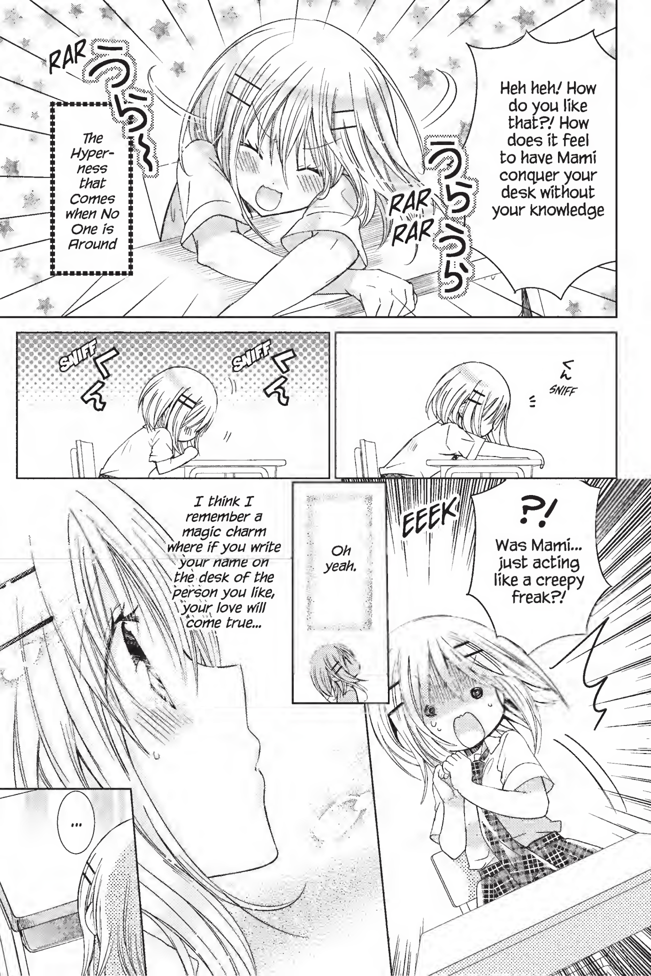
Extra Mission:
Akira's Desk


Yoohoo! Mami here.
SNEAK...
こそ..
Today Mami... forgot something at school!
So she's sneaking in during summer break to get it back!
Eeee!
3-B
Oh, here it is.
Thank goodness.
This orange juice...
...was a present from Shimotsuki-kun!!
orange
I put it in my locker for safekeeping, but then I forgot it.
That was a close one.


Time to go home...
GULP...
ごく
Heh... No... A beautiful young girl like Mami would never...
...just sit down at Shimotsuki-kun's desk without permission.
Eeeee!


Heh heh! How do you like that?! How does it feel to have Mami conquer your desk without your knowledge
RAR RAR
うらうら
RAR
うらー
The Hyperness that Comes when No One is Around
くん
SNIFF
SNIFF
しく
SNIFF
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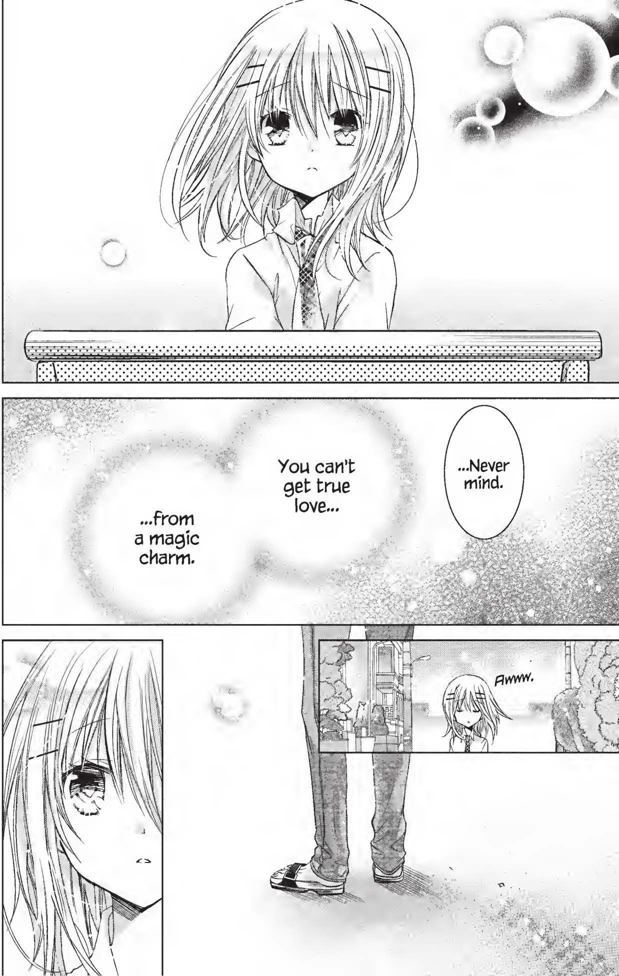
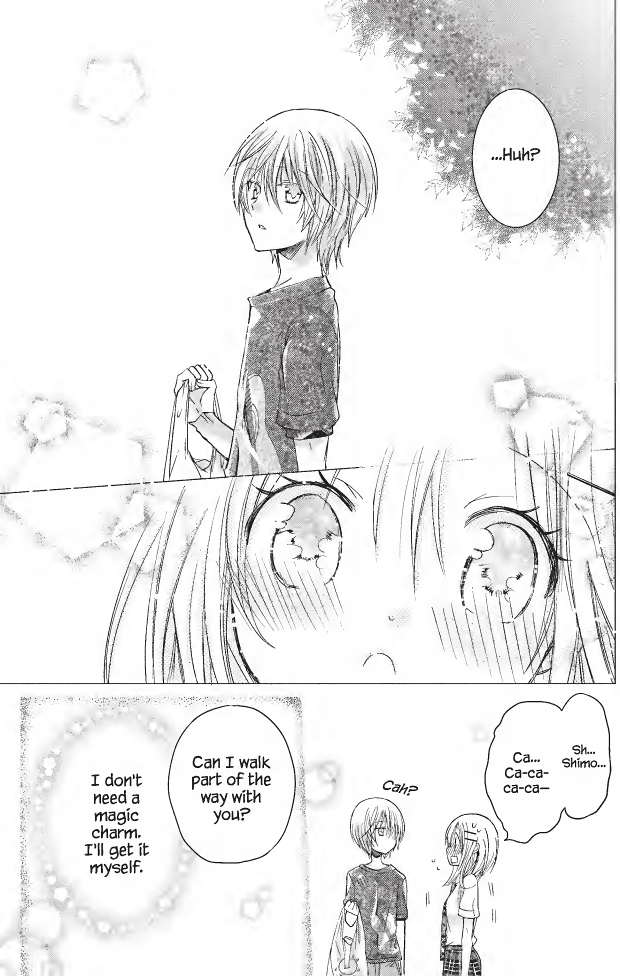
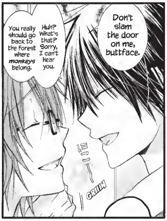
?! Was Mami... just acting like a creepy freak?!
EEEK
Oh yeah.
I think I remember a magic charm where if you write your name on the desk of the person you like, your love will come true...
...


...Never mind.
You can't get true love...
...from a magic charm.
Awww.

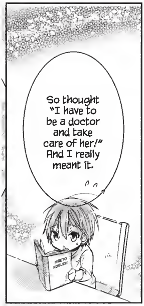

...Huh?
Sh... Shimo...
Ca... Ca-ca-ca-ca–
Cah?
Can I walk part of the way with you?
I don't need a magic charm. I'll get it myself.

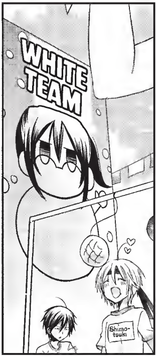
Translation notes


Don't slam the door on me, buttface.
Huh? What's that? Sorry, I can't hear you.
You really should go back to the forest where *monkeys* belong.
GRIIIN

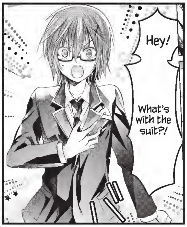
Don't slam the door on me, page 8
The translators admit to taking a bit of a liberty here. Originally, Hisame calls Shigure "kuso aniki" which translates roughly to "crap big bro." Because that doesn't sound entirely natural, the translators considered what siblings do tend to call each other in English, and came up with what the reader sees on the page.

Hideyo Noguchi, page 62
Hideyo Noguchi was a prominent Japanese bacteriologist, who lived from 1876 to 1928. He made some important medical discoveries, so naturally, as a future doctor, Shigure would be studying him and his works.


So thought "I have to be a doctor and take care of her!" And I really meant it.
HIDEYO NOGUCHI


WHITE TEAM
Shimo-tsuki

White Team, page 78
This is a picture of the Missions cast at a school athletic meet. Usually at these events, the students are divided into a red team and a white team. As can be seen from the dark color of Mami and Akira's headbands, they are on the red team, while our snow woman Yukina is on the white team.


Hey!
What's with the suit?!

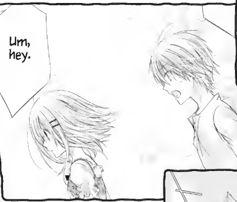
I look like a little kid, page 132
More specifically, Hisame remarks that he looks like someone at Shichi-Go-San. Meaning "seven-five-three," Shichi-Go-San is a Japanese festival that celebrates children, specifically three- and seven-year-old girls, and three- and five-year-old boys. Parents dress their children in more formal attire and they visit shrines. In other words, Hisame thinks the suit makes him look like a three- or five-year-old boy.

The Heart-Pounding Romance!

Next Mission!

Shigure and Yukina's hearts have been connected. She has learned what love is, and her feelings toward her novel grow even stronger.

Their feelings can't be stopped now!!



And there is a certain change in Akira and Mami's relationship?

Then tell me how "amazing" you are.
TMP
With your body.

And a heartbroken Hisame resorts to....

Five loves go on to the next mission!!

From Ema Toyama ♥

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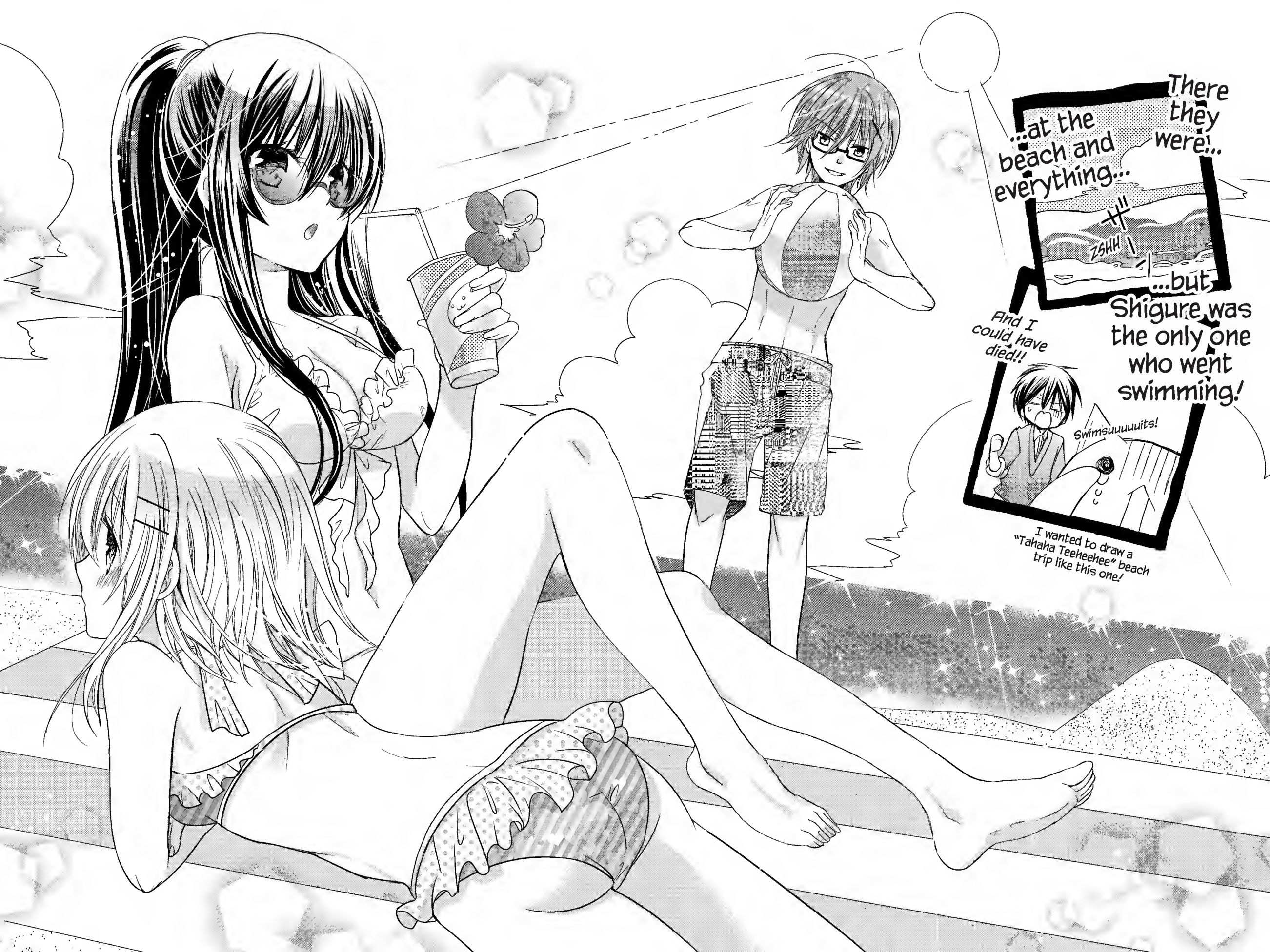
There they were...
...at the beach and everything...
ZSHH
...but Shigure was the only one who went swimming!
And I could have died!!
Swimsuuuuuits!
I wanted to draw a "Tahaha Teeheehee" beach trip like this one!

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